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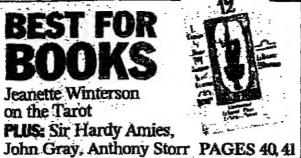
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Maths and grammar to be checked

# Soft options at A level to be curbed

By David Charter, education correspondent

GILLIAN SHEPHARD WIL mday order a return to rigorous testing of basic grammar and arithmetic at A level, and curb schools ability to shop around for soft-option courses.

The Education Secretary, alarmed at a decline in literacy among even the brightest English A-level students over the past 20 years, wants all courses to place greater emphasis on spelling, syntax and writing skills.

Mrs Shephard plans a wide range of measures to ensure that students master both the essential techniques and the facts of their subject so that A levels remain the "gold standard" after almost a decade of

soaring pass-rates. Her plans will be announced as the most authoritative review of A levels and GCSEs — comparing stan-dards in English, chemistry and mathematics papers since 1975 — is published. The report will show that the has been sacrificed to creativ-

ity and a broader knowledge. In response, Mrs Shephard will ask examiners to limit the number of "open-book" test papers, which allow students to take texts into the examination hall. The practice of allowing science candidates to use formula sheets and highperformance calculators will also be restricted, because they are believed to be eroding problem-solving skills. Eng-lish GCSE will concentrate more on grammar and

comprehension. Mrs Sheohard also wants "substantial reductions" in the



Shephard: alarmed at decline in literacy

number of courses offered by examination boards, to pre-vent schools seeking easier consistency. Schools choose from more than 20 English A level courses, and from 45 mathematics courses. The Education Secretary regards such a wide range as a force driving speadards down. for business from schools anxions to secure the best grades. She does not want to nationalise the system, but hopes the process of mergers that has seen the number of boards fall from over twenty to. six over the past decade will continue. If no further rationalisation is apparent by the end of next month, The

Shephard will take action. However, George Turnbull, a spokesman for the George Associated Examining Board, said that open-book examinations made tougher demands on pupils than memorising

agreement. With this juicy British vote-bank in mind.

and under a prospective local tie-up with the Spanish Social-

ist party, moves are afoot to

field Labour candidates at

Neria's municipal elections. New Labour, of course, has

its work cut out in Spain. The Tory outlit for expatriates.

Conservatives Abroad, has made "British" Spain its own

fieldom. But party workers in

Nerja are undaunted, show

ing an comph in the face of adversity of which Walworth

Dorothy Price, a Labour

activist who has lived in the

Nerja area for "nine happy

Road should be proud.

Times understands that Mrs

texts "because if you do not know the text you will spend all your time looking through and trying to find quotations. The content of A levels has moved over 20 years, but we have tried to ensure standards

have stayed the same."
He added: "There are only four boards for English at GCSE and A level which compares with 24 just ten years ago, and the content is very tightly controlled. If you vant to continue the consistency idea, you would have only one university but there are more than 100 offering thousands of different courses".

The comparison of GCSE and A level standards over the past 20 years will show how marks given for showing a thorough knowledge of the have gradually reduced. Pupils are now required to have a wider range of knowledge in less depth.

preted as a fall in standards by the report's authors - the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Ofsted, the school inspection agency. They believe that the main change has been the emphasis on understanding and creativity at the expense of learning facts:

However in mathematics, the report will say that a lower level of achievement is now needed for the same grades. Traditional skills such as algebra and problem-solving have declined, but expertise in other areas, such as statistics and probability, is improving.

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A marksman with some of his cormorant cull. The birds are a protected species

tiously. "I'm too old to get

involved in politics, really."

energetic. "We foreigners want a voice. We have con-

cerns here like rates, roads,

lighting on streets. But the real

thing is, we live here. So we

want to vote and take part in

the running of our town."
Llin Golding, the MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, is the star turn of Mrs Price's Lab-

our winter season. She comes

to Nerja next month to explain

her leader's message - new

Labour, new country, and of

Mrs Price, however, is more

Mr Roberts is 73.

# Anglers turn to guns for illegal cull of cormorants

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MILITANT anglers are defying the law by shooting and poisoning cormorants, a protected species which they say is devastating their sport.

The birds, whose numbers have increased in recent years to around 7,200 pairs, may be shot only under licence. But squads of marksmen — some apparently employed by land-owners with well-stocked riv-ers or lakes — are tackling "the black plague" by shooting up to 52 birds in three-hour culls. Licensed shooters are allowed to kill six a season.

One lake owner in southern England told The Times yesterday: "Cormorants are a weed and need to be taken

Official angling organ-isations, which want the bird's protection to be lifted so that it can be shot on sight like crows, have nevertheless condemned the shooting, fearing that members could become the target of radical animal rights groups. Derek Rose, chairman of the National Federation of Anglers fisheries committee, said: "From a fisheries point of view the only good cormorant is a dead one . . and we understand the frustration of people. But we cannot condone anyone break-

ing the law."
The existence of cormorant hit squads was disclosed in yesterday's Angling Times, which backs the action. In a report headlined "These Birds Must Be Killed", the magazine showed a photograph of a masked man next to four dead birds: "This is the picture every angler wants to see: the man, the gun and the cormorant...unless the cormorants are halted, angling faces an inevitable wipe-out".

Blunt message from the Angling Times

The magazine also carries an interview with a lake owner on how the birds, which can eat nearly 2lbs of fish a day and are said to be taking up to 1,500 tons of fish a year, are being secretly culled. Apart from shooting, militants are putting paracetamol tablets into dead fish near roosting sites to poison the birds. Other methods include putting bait under a float so that a cormorant diving to take the bait is wound down under the water to drown".

The illicit culling is the latest element of a long-running battle between wildlife groups and anglers, which mirrors the tension between grouse moor owners and bird groups. Anglers say the Royal Soci-ety for the Protection of Birds is so powerful that it has won the ear of government at the expense of fisherman and fish tocks. But Robin Wynde of Continued on page 2, coi 5

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## Ministers back Japanese PoWs

Ministers have backed calls for some of Japan's biggest firms to pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war. Campaigners are pressing for payments of £13,500 for each of the 10,000 survivors. Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, insisted that Britain had not "closed the book" on the

## Teacher fought machete attacker

A court was told yesterday of the bravery of a nursery teacher who shepherded her children to safety while a machete-wielding man attacked the class as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic. Horrett Campbell denies seven charges of attempted murderPage 3



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# Labour out to shine on Costa del Sol

FROM TUNKU VARADARAIAN IN MADRID

A WHITEWASHED, photo-genic town on Spain's Costa del Sol is the latest outpost of Tories have learnt to admire the achievements of Spain's former Socialist Government. the whitewashed, photogenic They will vote Labour." She did not mean the corruption Labour party. Nerja (population 15,000) that flourished under Felipe boasts the presence of nearly 1,000 Britons, all soon able to take part in local elections under a new European Union González, but "Spain's marvellous health service".



Hey Miguel, dyou think there's a chance Nick Scott might .come over?

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At 67, Mrs Price has lost none of the firmness that would once have come in handy as an adult education teacher in Oxford. Her name is mentioned by the town council's Socialist opposition eader, Gabriel Broncano, as a

likely Labour candidate. Señor Broncano, 42 and Nerja's Mayor from 1987 to 1995, is full of enthusiasm for an acuerdo, or deal, saying: "We are very keen to come to an agreement soon. Nerja is a very open-minded city." The plan is for Labour can-

didates to stand - as Labour candidates - on the Socialist party's slate at the local elections 1999. "We have so much in common," declares Señor Broncano. "I am sure that we will have a British councillor or two in 1999. And, frankly, it is entirely possible that there could be a British mayor of Nerja."

British residents, however, are keen to emphasise their "Spanishness". Robert Rob-

death toll now seven erts, a retired manager for Shell who left Morecambe 13 A SEVENTH person died yesterday in the Scottish food poisoning outbreak as Mich-ael Forsyth, the Scottish Secreyears ago to live in the Costa del Sol, said: "We live together with the Spaniards and try to speak their language. Our concerns are the same as

tary, opened the way for a fatal accident inquiry into the theirs." Asked if he was enthuhandling of the case. The man who died was 74 and came from Wishaw, He siastic about Labour councillors in Nerja, and a pros-pective "Costa del Stake-holders", he retreated cau-

had attended a pensioners' party on November 17 and was admitted to hospital four days later.

Strathclyde Police are continuing to investigate allegations that the butcher at the centre of the outbreak, John M. Barr and Son, of Wishaw, sold meat for a buffet at an 18th birthday party a day after they had been told to remove all cooked meats from sale. Twenty-two of the guests are showing symptoms of food

The total number of cases is now thought to be more than 300, of which 261 are in

# years", said: "Several natural Millionairess and a first-class dogfight over the US

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FROM GILES WEITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A MOROCCAN millionairess is suing American Airlines after being tied up by the captain of her New York flight

while her dog ran riot in first class. Marcelle Becker, born in Casablan ca but widowed in Los Angeles, planned to travel to the East Coast on July 6 last year in her usual style. She bought one first class seat for herself

and another, by the window, for her miniature Maltese, Dom Perignon. Shaken by an early argument with a stewardess over where to stow the dolly used to carry the dog's cage, Mrs Becker drank a cocktail and dozed off

with the belp of a sleeping pill, court papers show. She was woken high over the Mid-West to be told Dom Perignon had escaped. Pre-trial affidavits conflict on who was to blame but agree the widow lost her temper

when told to lock the dog back into its cage and place it under a \$2,000 (about ardess to check that he was not £1,200) seat. Offered a glass of conciliatory champagne she reportedly de-nounced the flight crew as "animal haters". When told the captain would have to be summoned, she told staff what the captain might do.

Captain Edwin Frost strolled aft toping to defuse the row. Instead he found Mrs Becker "out of control", with Dom Perignon still at large and

ardess to check that he was not restricting his passenger's blood sup-ply, he bound Mrs Becker's hands behind her back with Dom Perignon's leash and beaved her into an adjoining seat

Mrs Becker claims the captain bruised her from head to toe, ripped one earning from her ear and broke several of her fingernails. A trial is scheduled for next August.

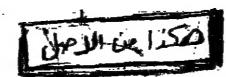
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# Machete When open debate is the way to keep a passionate secret safe



Mrs Peacock: opposed

ometimes it seems that one way to keep an argument secret is to broadcast it in Parliament, for the time is gone when every good Commons exchange would find its way into the next day's papers. Few were in the press gallery yesterday to the Yorkshire Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (C. Batley & Spen) and the Welsh Mrs Ann Clwyd (Lab, Cynon Valley): and fewer to report it.

Yet the exchange, lasting 20 minutes, touched the most profound concerns, was courteous and unpartisan on both sides and exposed a memorable disagreement in principle between two rational humans.

ject was what Mrs Peacock called "partial birth abortion" and Mrs Clwyd called intact dilation and evacuation". Mrs Peacock was moving a "Ten Minute Rule Bill" -- the notional introduction of a Bill for whose enactment there is no parliamentary time, but whose airing offers a chance for discussion. Mrs Peacock's Bill, which Mrs Chwyd opposed, banned this type of abortion in Britain. The squeamish should stop here. Mrs Peacock explained that "partial birth abortion," common in the US, involved the evacuation and then crushing of the foetus's skull, before extraction, usually beyond 20 weeks'



foetus could suffer pain before death. The procedure was genetic disorder had been diagnosed late, but also in cases which were "elective" (by choice). Its use in Britain was uncharted, but it was not unlawful - and should be, she thought. She added that there were MPs who had joined the campaign against veal crates but were less interested in protecting the young of their called "pro-Life" and Mrs

Choice. I recalled that Mrs Clwyd, who believes the foetus may be sacrificed to the mother's needs, has founded a group called Peace and Animal Welfare, to oppose cruel recalled that Mrs Peacock, who believes human life is sacred, supports the death penalty and advocates the televised flogging of criminals. The composition of what we might call typical "attitude clusters" in the minds of MPs is intriguing. Mrs Peacock For Mrs Peacock it might be said that a graphic description

tary John Patten sat close by. He comes rarely to the Chamber now, and nodded earnestly as she spoke. Mrs Clwyd, who was barracked by some of the male anti-abortion lobby. but not by the women, spoke with similar control and the same underlying fierce feeling. She said this method of abortion was not used in Britain so a prohibition was unnecessary. She suspected Mrs Peacock was trying to reopen the whole debate about the 1967 Abortion Act, in the hope of reversing it. Besides, she thought, the choice between left to "clinical judgment".

suspected it was all abortion. not just this method, she questioned. Describing a technique of whose use in Britain she offered no evidence was arguably disingenuous. But nciple motivated her. Mrs Clwyd's sincerity was equally clear, but one suspected that her rejection of the Bill

on the grounds that the practice was non-existent here was also disingermous. If it had been in common use, Mrs Clwyd would still have opposed the Bill. Each side had supporters.

but time was up. These deis to be hoped people know



himself

Mrs Clwyd: said women

# Ministers want top Japanese firms to compensate PoWs

By Arthur Leathley and David Watts

THE Government last night Japanese industry by suggest-ing that Japan's wealthiest companies should pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war.

Ministers backed calls for some of Japan's biggest firms. including those already in Britain and would-be investors, to contribute to the 10.000 survivors who suffered torture and brutality in Japanese death camps during the last

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, insisted that Britain had "not closed the book" on the campaign to obtain compensation from

Heavy cross-party pressure in the Commons prompted Mr Hanley to agree with MPs' calls for Japanese firms to contribute towards a compensation fund for those who were used as slave labour for Japanese companies. Mr Hanley willingly encourage any new nese companies to help in this way," Campaigners are press-ing for payments of £13,500 for

each of the 10,000 survivors. However, the renewed pressure comes less than two years

after John Major wrote to the Japanese Prime Minister to register concern after Japanese industry refused to contribute towards a charitable foundation to help former PoWs. The Foreign Office abandoned the scheme after Sir Kit McMahon, former deputy governor of the Bank of England, travelled to Japan to urge business support.

Senior Government figures admitted last night that the prospect of widespread support was unlikely but emphasised that Mr Major was taking a keen interest in the issue. Initial reaction from Japanese companies indicated that they did not consider themselves responsible for the war-time actions of firms that

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, joined calls for a renewed campaign by the Government, saying that the Japaneses had not gone far enough to repair past damage. The Prime Minister doesn't regard it as enough. There has been some progress but I don't feel that this has been enough. It needs to be followed by more substantial

"I know the difficulties of finding a way. But as a strong friend and supporter of mod-ern Japan, I believe the search, and it now is an urgent search, for a way for more substantial action needs to continue. There is this bar from the past -a past that is terrible beyond telling for the people who lived

Mr Hanley acknowledged that the Government was constrained in its campaign by the 1951 Treaty of San Francisco which formally brought peace and under which the Japanese government paid compensation to British POWs. Each former POW was paid £72.50 — almost £1,000 today — plus a further £3 for those who worked on the Burma Railway, and officials say that any re-opening of the compensadebate would initiate a flood of claims from literally millions of Chinese, Koreans and Taiwanese. Like their Korean and Chinese counterparts Britons were compelled to work in coal mines and shipyards throughout the then

Almost all the Japanese companies now trading in Britain were formed post-war and argue that they are making a bigger contribution by creating employment.



British soldiers freed from camps in Burma in May 1945

# Rebel list poses threat to Tories' currency pledge

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

challenge the party's election manifesto pledge to leave open the options on a single

The idea of publishing a rebel list of MPs and candidates committed to voting against single currency entry was gaining ground at Westminster yesterday as ministers and MPs continued to voice dismay over John Major's decision to rule out any change of policy up to and during the election.

A new poil suggested yester day that a big majority of voters would vote against a single currency if a referen-

dum were held now. The aim of the rebel plan would be to make plain to voters, even if the manifesto did not that a Conservative government would be unable to take Britain into a single currency even if the Cabinet decided in the next Parliament that it would be right to go in. It would be evidence of a blocking majority on the Conservative backbenches.

Although the list would be proof of a split party, and would provide valuable ammunition to Labour, some sceptics believe it is the only way of getting across the message that the Conservative Party generally is opposed to a single currency.

The move would amount to

open defiance of the Government line. "Some us believe that the time has come to take the law into our own hands, a prominent MP said last

At a meeting of Euro-sceptics on Tuesday night, soon after Mr Major followed Michael Heseltine in ruling out a policy U-turn, one MP have claimed that the Prime Minister had thrown away one of the few remaining Tory

cards for winning the election. Mr Major himself was tack-led head-on by a group of MPs when he visited the Commons tea-room shortly after his declaration.

The issue is certain to resurface next week when the Commons holds a two-day debate on Europe, Last night Labour was trying to ensure that the motion taking note of the single currency preparafurore two weeks ago should be voted on at the end of the

The MORI poll for The European suggested yester-day that 64 per cent of electors would vote against participa-tion in a single currency if a The survey also showed that 54 per cent of voters wanted a referendum on whether Britain should stay in the EU?

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plaints Authority, said he did not believe Freemasons

should be disqualified from public office, but said it was

important to know about such

links to ensure there were no

His views complement the

Home Office note, which

states: The making of such a

declaration will not in itself be

a bar to appointment. This is simply information which ministers will wish to be

aware of when considering candidates. He said he had

discussed the matter with

Richard Wilson, Permanent

Secretary at the Home Office,

after the controversy over Sir

any formalised way. It was

equally important, for exam-

potential conflicts between the

The Commons Home Af-

role of a husband and wife:

Frederick's appointment. Sir Len said he did not believe, however, that conflicts of interest should be listed in

conflicts of interest.

# Supplies of blood at lowest ever

Hospitals in London and the

South-East were told to strict their use of blood tra fusions because supplies that fallen to their lowest level ever. Dr Mary Brennan, director of donor services for the area from Norwich to Brighton, said stocks were down to half a day's supply on Tues-day and seven-tenths yester-day. Supplies of O-positive, the most common group, were down to 795 units compared with a normal level of 1,500 units. Blood stocks tradi-tionally fall by up to 30 per cent over Christmas but this year a fall of that size could trigger difficulties. New do-nors can phone 0181 672 2222

## Blair promises to act for homeless

Tony Blair pledged to reverse a key element of the 1996 Housing Act that removed obligation on local councils to provide permanent accomlies. It would be changed if Labour was elected.

In a speech for Shelter's 30th anniversary he said: "It will simply force more people into the revolving door of bed and breakfast and other un-

## Top Flat jockey goes missing

Flat jockey, has been missing from his home for ten days after packing a bag with clothes and his racing gear and leaving his home in Swaffham Prior, Cambridge-shire in his C registration Volvo 740 estate car.

His wife Anne reported him missing when he failed to return. However, slie asked that no public appeal be made

## School security to be tightened

Ministers agreed to make it easier to close public rights of way through school grounds if governors believed pupils were at risk. Concerned by recent attacks, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary. pledged to make £66 million available for improved sec-urity, including measures to give police greater powers of arrest by tightening the law on intruders in schools.

## Lawyers to help end divorce wars

are to be recruited and offered training in mediation under an initiative backed by the Lord Chancellor to end divorce as a legal battleground. The initiative, launched jointly by Relate, the counselling agency, and the National Solicitors' Network, an association of 250 law firms, seeks to promote a culture of conciliation in line with the Govern-

# Police in fight from e **wife**

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# Howard urges applicants to declare Masonic links

THE Home Secretary has asked potential members of the new Criminal Cases Review Authority to declare whether they are Freemasons. The move reflects government embarrassment earlier this year when it was disclosed that Sir Frederick Crawford, the chairman of the new authority, was a Royal Arch

The practice is almost certain to be applied to other sensitive appointments in future. The Home Office shift in policy was disclosed yester-day during a hearing of the Commons public services

Last night the Home Office confirmed that it had asked applicants to identify any con-flicts of interest that could arise with membership of the new authority. Mr Howard wants to appoint a further II members and recruit a staff of 60 for the new body to review miscarriages of justice. It will be set up in the new year.

A note sent to applicants before they completed their forms reads: "It is essential that in discharging its responsibilities the commission should have the full confidence of the public. According-

Continued from page I the RSPB disputed claims that

the cormorant was devastat-

ing fish stocks. He said the society would consider its

position when a three-year

study of the birds ends in 1998.

The ministry-funded study is

also looking at ways of scaring off connorants with birds of

prey or laser guns that shine

Julian Petifer, the broad-

caster who is both president of the RSPB and an angler, condemned the Angling

Times, saying the cormorant had the right to share the

resources of Britain's rivers

and lakes. "What they have

published is absolutely dis-

graceful. They really should

not encourage people to break the law. You have to be used

to the idea that you share the

beams of light.

Senior police officers last night voted to boycott plans to set up a register of Freemasons in the force. The national executive of the Police Superintendents' Association will join the Police Federation, representing more than 100,000 junior officers, in opposing the creation of the register, announced in October by the Association of Chief Police Officers.

ly, all those who are being considered for appointment to the commission are asked to thing in their background or previous experience, professional or personal (including membership of the Freemasons or any similar organis-ation), which, were it to become known, might affect public confidence in their ability to carry out their tasks as a member of the commission."

The change was disclosed by John Gunnell, Labour MP

Secret cormorant cull

animals."

for Leeds South and Morley. He asked Sir Len Peach, the Public Appointments Commissioner, giving evidence before the committee yesterday, to give his views on such vetting. Sir Len, a former

Mr Petifer was backed by

Alan Clark, the former de-

fence minister who referred in

his Diaries to his sadness at

having to shoot a heron. "The

cormorant is a protected bird,"

he said. "You can't shoot a protected bird to make your

hobby more congenial. Their motives are purely to protect their status of predator against others. They feel some-

one like the cormorant doing it better than they do should not

But Richard Lee, news edi-

tor of the magazine, defended

its stance, saying: "So what? It's time to take the gloves off

to save our sport. Cormorants

do devastate fisheries. They

be allowed to."

fairs Select Committee is to examine the extent of Freemasonry in the police and the judiciary in the new year. Sir Len also told MPs that he intended to study appoint-

ments in which ministers recommended individuals, to ensure they were not getting preferential consideration.

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# Machete attacker 'likened himself to mass killers'

attacker likened himself to the killers Thomas Hamilton and Michael Bryant after he ran amok in a class of nuisery children as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, a jury was

told yesterday.

Horrett Campbell, 33, injured three children and four adults as he slashed out with the two-foot long blade on which he had inscribed 666 marks the devil".

But for the bravery of nursery teacher Lisa Potts, 21, who helped terrified children get back inside school while being attacked by Campbell, "this tragedy could have been so much worse", Richard Wakerley, QC, for the prosecution, told Stafford Crown Court.

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Campbell, who lived in a tower block overlooking St Luke's infants school in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, denies seven charges of at-tempted murder. He has admitted six charges of caus-ing grievous bodily harm and The attack was indiscrimi-one of attempted grievous nate. He struck the seven of

A MACHETE-WIELDING bodily harm. Mr Wakerley said that police who searched Campbell's flat found two newspaper cuttings on his bedroom wall, one about Michael Bryant, who killed 35 people in Tasmania, and the other about Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane killer. A heart and a cupid's arrow were drawn by the picture of

Michael Bryant. Mr Wakerley said it appeared to be a copycat crime. Campbell told police they, like him, had been wrongly criti-cised by society. Campbell also allegedly said he embarked on the attack because young children had jeered at him when he walked past.

His response was to enter the school grounds where he "attacked three young children who were aged three or four, three mothers who were outside the school simply waiting for their children to come out and a nursery nurse



Campbell: kept cuttings on Thomas Hamilton

them mainly about the head. face and upper body, some more than once and some when they were on the ground having been hit. You will not be surprised to learn that most sustained really severe inju-ries. Fortunately, all of them survived, but the prosecution say that at the time he intended to kill."

The injured were: Ahmed Malek, three; Rhena Kaur-Chopra and Francesca the scalp and Mrs Kaur-Quintyne, both four; Rhena's Chopra blacked out but was

Chopra; Azra Rafiq, a parent; Wendy Willington, 29; and Miss Potts. Mr Wakerley said 20 child-

ren had gathered in the school grounds for the picnic, with parents arriving to collect them at 3pm. At 3.10 pm Campbell left his flat carrying a light bag which held a machete, another large knife and a washing-up liquid bottle containing petrol. There were also two bars with sponges attached which could be used as "a sort of fire bomb". He had also donned a deerstalker hat with Iron Crosses drawn

on it, giving it the appearance of a German helmet. On one side of the machete was written the words "You filthy devil and "666 marks the devil", and on the other

side "666. Horns. Devil". Taking the machete, he went up to Azra Rafiq and Surinder Kaur-Chopra, and struck them on the head from behind. Mrs Rafiq suffered a two-and-a-half inch cut along

towards another mother, Wendy Willington, who was waiting with her young child. She suffered serious head injuries as she threw herself to protect her son, Antonio.

Miss Potts was trying to g children to the safety of the school building as Campbell stepped over the fence towards her, striking Ahmed Malik and leaving him with deep cuts to the arm and head. He also struck out at Rhena Kaur-Chopra, slicing her across the side of her face.

As Miss Potts tried to bring children inside, Campbell Quintyne, cutting off part of her ear and breaking her jaw. In interviews, Campbell allegedly told police he feared being prosecuted for driving while disqualified and added: If I get sent down for that I am going to go to prison for something worthwhile.

"I just wanted to hurt them. I thought I would hurt them pretty badly depending where they were hit."
The case continues.

# Terrified children hid under nurse's skirt

LISA POTTS, the nursery nurse who came face to face with Horrett Campbell as he lashed out with a machete, decribed yesterday how terrified children clung to her as she tried to lead them to safety.

Miss Potts, 21, agreed to take hold of the blood-stained

weapon to demonstrate how Campbell used an overarm cutting motion when striking the face of a four-year-old girl. After describing Campbell's attack on parents outside the school, Miss Potts told the jury that he came towards her with his "lips drawn back in an evil grimace.

"I was trying to gather the children up. It was crazy from on to my skirt and some of them went underpeath. They were hiding with fright 1



The child victims from left, Rhena Chopra, Ahmed Malek and Francesca Quintyne

nursery door but before I knew it the man was in front of me and came at me with the

me. As I started to run in with lots of children around me, he lashed out at one of them, straight across the face, I got

went to shut the door his foot was in it and he was inside. "I pushed one of the child-

ren into the dressing-up area "I put up my arm to protect behind the door and put my my face and he lashed out at arms around the others in front of me as he attacked me again. He started attacking my back. I think he hit me



I then felt the blow on the head. That's the one I felt the

She said that Campbell had used blows of "great force" as he lashed out at the children. It was only when the children had reached safety that she blood. The court was told that started running, with the inside the nursery and "I ran around the side of the she had suffered a 6cm cut to unselfishness and I water tray in the nursery and her head which had broken to be acknowledged." "I ran around the side of the she had suffered a 6cm cut to unselfishness and I want that

her back went down to her ribcage and the tendons in her arm and hands had been

Holding the wooden han dle of the machete, using a plastic glove, Miss Potts demonstrated the overarm slashing movement that Campbell used on Francesca Quintyne's face. The girl suffered a broken jaw and lost her lower ear lobe.

At the end of her evidence, Mr Justice Sedley thanked Miss Potts and paid tribute to her courage. "Your conduct was very brave indeed. I am sure you would say it was no more than any teacher or nursery nurse would have done. You may well be right. If so, it is a tribute to that profession which it well

"The real tribute is deserved by you. You acted with great



Lisa Potts arriving at court. The judge praised her bravery in defending children

# Man lost an eye in fight over wife

By PAUL WILKINSON

WHEN two middle-aged pil-lars of society brawled in public over a woman — "an ancient story in the history of mankind" — one was hit so hard that he was blinded in one eye, a court was told yesterday.

The altercation, on the streets of the North Yorkshire spa town of Harrogate in September last year, was be-tween the woman's lover, a magistrate, and her husband, a senior civil servant. The husband, Stephen John Coles, 48, denies causing grievous bodily harm to Tim Burrell. 49, outside the home Mr. Burrell had bought for Jill Coles, 42.

Andrew Clarkson, for the prosecution, told York Crown Court that Mr Burrell's right eye was burst open by a single punch. Surgeons inserted 46 stitches but were unable to save his sight.

Mr Clarkson said: "This is an ancient story in the history of mankind and involves a matrimonial breakdown. It is not uncommon."

The case continues.

# Police seize guns from campaigner

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE leader of a gun lobby group last night accused police of harassment after they seized all 200 weapons and 20,000 rounds of ammunition from his firearms business.

Police revoked licences for Richard Law to hold firearms and shotguns or to deal in firearms during the raid at his firing range at Llwyn-drain, Pembrokeshire, which has Home Office approval. Mr Law, 44, national secretary of the Shooters' Rights Associ-ation, said: "It does rather smack of harassment. This is an attempt to break the gun

There is a connection that this happened the day before the report stage of the firearms Bill. We went through exactly the same process at almost exactly the same stage in the last Bill. Without the tools of my trade, I have signed on the

Among the weapons seized were pistols, rifles, shotguns, antique guns and swords. Mr Law said that a computer and files were also removed. The premises were searched by 24

officers on Tuesday and he was arrested three hours later in connection with another

incident. He was released on bail to return to his local police station on February 10. Dyfed Powys police con-firmed a raid had taken place. They added: "As a result, a number of firearms and dealer-related certificates connect-

ed with the premises have been revoked and all weapons and ammunition at the premises have been removed by the police. "As a result of the police: action, a 44-year-old man has been arrested and was detained at Carmarthen police station in relation to a number

of firearms-related matters". A spokesman denied there was a campaign against Mr Law. ☐ An attempt by Tory back-benchers to widen compensation provided by the Firearms (Amendment) Bill was defeated in the Commons last night. clubs to receive compensation after the partial ban on handguns, in addition to gun owners, was defeated by 299

# Poll backs traditional male ride

FRADITIONALISTS in the Borders town of Hawick were heading for victory yesterday in a poll over whether to keep its Common Riding celebration all-male, amid claims of dirty tricks and a rigged

Supporters of two women who were refused permission to take part in the commemo-ration of a 1514 victory over the English have boycotted the poll, claiming the question, set by the all-male committee, was heavily loaded against

Mandy Graham, 21, and Ashley Simpson, 23, had asked permission to join only three of the 16 ride-outs which dominate town life during June. But the question asked whether women should be allowed to join all of them.

Whatever the result, the women, backed by the Lady Riders' Association and the **Equal Opportunities Commis**sion, are suing the members of the Common Riding Committee, which organises the event, for sexual discrimination.

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# Quiz team universally challenged

By CAROL MIDGLEY

IT WAS enough to make even Jeremy Paxman attempt a show of compassion: four bright students lined up on University Challenge for total humiliation.

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In the swots' corner was the Manchester University team, captained by Stephen Pearson, a trivia whiz-kid. In the dunces' corner was Birkbeck. College, who proceeded tosuffer the worst defeat since the BBC show began in 1962. Birkbeck could scrape only 40 points to Manchester's 360.

Their trouncing moved Paxman to say last night: "I just felt so sorry for them, poor things. I kept peeling back the cards desperate for a question they could answer, but they couldn't It was awful. They never got into their stride but they were up attempted to live down their against a team captain who obviously reads a dictionary



in bed." Paxman was not even able to console the losers in the Green Room afterwards.

so sorry for them

"They sloped off without coming for a drink, I'm afraid," he said. Yesterday, as the learn

shame, Lady Blackstone, the

matters worse by releasing a statement saying the defeat did not reflect on other students. "I am very sorry that the Birkbeck team did not do very well but it is no reflection on the extraordinarily able and highly motivated students who study here," she

David Allen, 43, Birkbeck's team captain and a maths. statistics and computer student, said from his home in Mitcham, south London: The other team were unbelievably fast. People were missing questions they later said they could have answered. But they were shellshocked it was a pretty horrible experience to go

Mr Allen, who is a trade union worker, said he had selected the team through the student union but, because of Master of Birkbeck College, pressing deadlines, took the

in London, appeared to make first students who responded matters worse by releasing a to posters placed around the

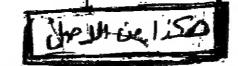
shown on Tuesday evening. Mr Allen had appeared speechless as Manchester repeatedly cut in to answer questions correctly. Mr Paxman only managed to say What's the adjective that links September 16, 1992 . . . " before the Manchester captain leapt in with "black", as in Black Monday, or Black

When Birkbeck finally answered a question correctly there was a cry of relief from A BBC source suggested

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During the quiz, which was

that, because Birkbeck's team was made up of mature students, they had slower responses. However, Birkbeck had performed well in preliminary rounds and were



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# Office party cases promise lawyers a happy new year

TOO much Christmas party spirit in the office will lead to acrimonious disputes in the new year, say lawyers. They expect a growing number of employees to be disciplined for riotous behaviour at company celebrations and then in turn to sue their employers.

The warning comes as a survey of managers shows that more companies are plan-ning expensive celebrations at any time since the 1980s. In the last such survey in 1994, more than half the respondents said their parties would be less imaginative than in the 1980s, 56 per cent said less money would be

spent and 45 per cent said they trouble. Employers are only would be less intoxicated.

This year 44 per cent told Reed Personnel Services that their celebrations would be more expensive, with 35 per-cent planning more imagina-tive occasions and 40 per cent set on getting drunker than they did in the 1980s.

Martin Hopkins, head of the employment law division at the Birmingham branch of the solicitors Eversheds, said the firm was expecting an increase in cases arising from office parties. "If you put your employees in a confined space and add huge quantities of free booze, you are asking for

# Drugs campaign warns: don't mix it

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE first campaign to warn young clubgoers of the dangers of mixing drugs at Christmas parties is launched today. If it increases telephone inquiries to the National Drugs Helpline, the Health Education Authority campaign could become an annual event, like the seasonal blitz on drinking and driving.
The authority denies it is

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encouraging the use of Ecsta-sy, LSD and speed with advertisements that spell out the risks of mixing drugs. Officials believe that, as the majority of people in their early twenties have taken a drug, providing information is bet-

ter than telling them to stop.

"People are more likely to take drugs at Christmas, especially if they have had a drink. because their inhibitions are lowered," a spokesman for the authority said. They are more likely to experiment, whereas if they were sober they would

The advertisements appear in the glossy magazines The Face, DJ Magazine, iD, Muzik and MixMag. There

By ROBIN YOUNG

TESCO'S Christmas pudding

makes mincement of pricier

competition from Harrods

and Fortnum & Mason, ac-

cording to Which?, the Con-

sumers' Association magazine.

More than 60 tasters were

asked to try 20 puddings. The

only homemade recipe was from Delia Smith. It fared:

poorly despite being inexpen-

sive at £1.09 for 454g (lib), and

will also be postcards available at bars, clubs and shops, and radio advertisements.

The publicity is an extension of the successful Know The Score campaign launched in February, which has pro-duced 1,000 calls a day to the 24-hour helpline. Many of the callers are friends and parents, as well as drug users.

The magazine advertise-ments show a girl with parts of her body cut away to reveal. the internal organs that can be harmed by mixing drugs. They warn, for example, that a mixture of alcohol and Ecstasy can cause dehydration. To combat this, sip about a pint of non-alcoholic liquid an hour to replace lost fluids. Include fruit juices and energy drinks to keep sodium levels up. Remember to chill out."

The authority is responding to a survey last year which found that 60 per cent of people between 20 and 22 had used a drug. Among recent users, 66 per cent had used a combination of substances.

The National Drugs Help-

Tesco is cream of the puddings

the overall verdict was "very stodgy — a duli flavour".

Connoisseur Selection with

cognac and rum, from Tesco,

was judged "fruity, moist,

and lots of alcohol". It costs

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By contrast, the top-scoring

just beginning to wake up to the fact that Christmas parties are an accident waiting to happen for everybody." Mr Hopkins expects his firm alone to handle between 50 and 70 such cases next year as public awareness of the legal processes grows.

A junior female employee at a small engineering firm brought a claim for constructive dismissal when she resigned after being caught with a senior member of the com-pany having intercourse on the bonnet of his car. She settled out of court for a five-

A couple discovered having sex under a table at an office party were dismissed but the woman said she had not been a willing party to the misdemeanour and claimed unfair dismissal. She with-drew her claim after solicitors gathered witness statements hat contradicted her.

The settings for such indiscretions are becoming more imaginative, as companies spend up to £50,000 for parties at novel venues which make the traditional charms of the Natural History Museum or the National Portrait Gallery look a little sober.

We have almost doubled the number of parties we did last year," said Caroline Armstrong-Jones, who with her husband Peregrine, Lord Snowdon's half-brother, runs Bentley's Entertainments, catering for corporate and pri-vate parties. We are looking for new venues all the time because clients want something innovative." Her search this year has extended to the Whitechapel Gallery in the East End of London.

Increasing numbers of companies are having giant themed parties. A firm can hire a whole venue or share it with others. Planit Events' nightly Venetian Masquerade, including dodgem cars and market in London, is fully

Spencer Traditional, £2.99 for 454g: Sainsbury's Rich Fruit, £2.09; Asda Luxury, £3.29; Marks & Spencer Comois-seur, £4.99; Safeway Connois-

seur with cognac, £4.39; and Sainsbury's Connoisseur, £4.49. The Harrods Super

Luxury pudding was the most costly, at £6.60 for 454g, but

was praised only for "good

taste of alcohol". Fortnum &

Mason's Traditional (£4.95)



Support group: from left to right, Collins, Jaffe, Taylor Bradford, Goldsmith, Jong, Rivers, Friday, Janowitz and a cut-out Princess

# Novelists see Princess romancing the throne

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

DIANA, Princess of Wales, should go to Mongolia, smear herself in yak butter and find a chieftain who is good with carnels — just one of the more bubricious sequels plotted by leading "romance" writers when they gathered in a smart New York club to propound their visions of the Princess's future. Plagiarism - and ageism, in the

never far away. Tama Janowitz, who wrote Slaves of New York and proposed the Mongolian adventure, was surely borrowing from Paul Bowles's The Sheltering Sky.
Olivia Goldsmith, of The First

Wives' Club fame, said she would have the Princess take up a \$60 miltion (£36 million) a year career as a chat-show host on American television (the figure is not entirely unrealistic).

"She could rival Oprah Winfrey." she said. Barbara Taylor Bradford ruled out remarriage. "I would have her wait for Prince William to ascend the throne, when she could take her revenge and he could give her back

The sex chronicler Nancy Friday thought the Princess might find a new man — possibly the billionaire Bill Gates — on the Internet, while Jackie Collins, of Hollywood and the Home Counties, proposed: "She should take a female lover and wait for her son to become king." Erica Jong (Fear of Flying) opted for the "fireworks" of her meeting "a potent man". The feminist in her added: "That's the problem with men - they're all impotent."

The women agreed on one thing: the Princess's salvation coming from Prince William. "The only one you can trust - your son," they sighed, a chorus in search of a happy ending.

# **McAliskey** remanded to men's

prison BY STEWART TENDLER

THE pregnant daughter of the former nationalist MP Berna-S WCYDZKE) was retus ball yesterday and remanded as the only woman in a men's

high-security prison.
Roisin McAliskey, 25, is facing extradition on charges of attempted murder and possession of explosives linked to an IRA mortar attack on an army base at Osnabrück,

Germany, in June. At Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, Ronald Bartle, the stipendiary magistrate, rejected a request from Miss McAliskey's lawyer that she be bailed because of her difficult pregnancy and the "shocking" conditions in prison. He remanded her until

Gareth Peirce, for Miss McAliskey, said that she had been moved from Holloway to Belmarsh prison, where she was in a separate cell behind a cage in a block with 70 men. The cell had been "disgusting" and she had had to clean it herself. During exercise periods she was subjected to

humiliating comments. Miss McAliskey, who is 44 months pregnant, was losing weight but the prison doctor had told her that she could not be sent to hospital, Mrs Peirce said. She had not been given an obstetric examination.

Arvinder Sambei, for the posed bail, saying there was a high risk that she would absond. Miss Sambei said that two of Miss McAliskey's fingerprints had been found at a holiday home rented by an IRA gang. A witness had identified her from a

Outside court Miss McAliskey's mother said that she had been unable to visit her daughter at Belmarsh because visits for male inmates took precedence. "I have failed to be surprised at the racism and inhumanity of the British state."

said: "She is in a discreet selfcontained area in the prison and she sees a doctor daily."



Bernadette McAliskey

# Pregnant | Probation for teenage heroin smuggler

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE trial in Italy of a 17-yearold Briton on heroin smuggling charges was suspended yesterday when the judge ordered her to serve a period of probation. Marianne Platt from Croydon, south London, faces community work or work-study in Italy when the sentence is announced on

February 5. Legal sources said magistrates had concluded that Platt

was not fully aware of the smuggling operation or its serious consequences. Platt. who attended the hearing with her mother, Jackie King, was arrested in June at Caserta. near Naples, with Melanie Jackman, 19, from Brighton. Jackman is being held on

remand in a women's prison in Naples, while Platt is at a penal institution for minors in Rome. They were arrested while meeting a known smuggler after arriving in Italy on a flight from Istanbul. partment containing four kilograms of pure heroin with a street value of nearly £500,000, Jackman told her father that she thought she was carrying money for a man she met on Brighton pier. Susanna Spaford, for the

defence, said Platt should be able to return to a "normal life" once the probation period was completed. "Marianne accepted probation because this way there will be no further consequences for her







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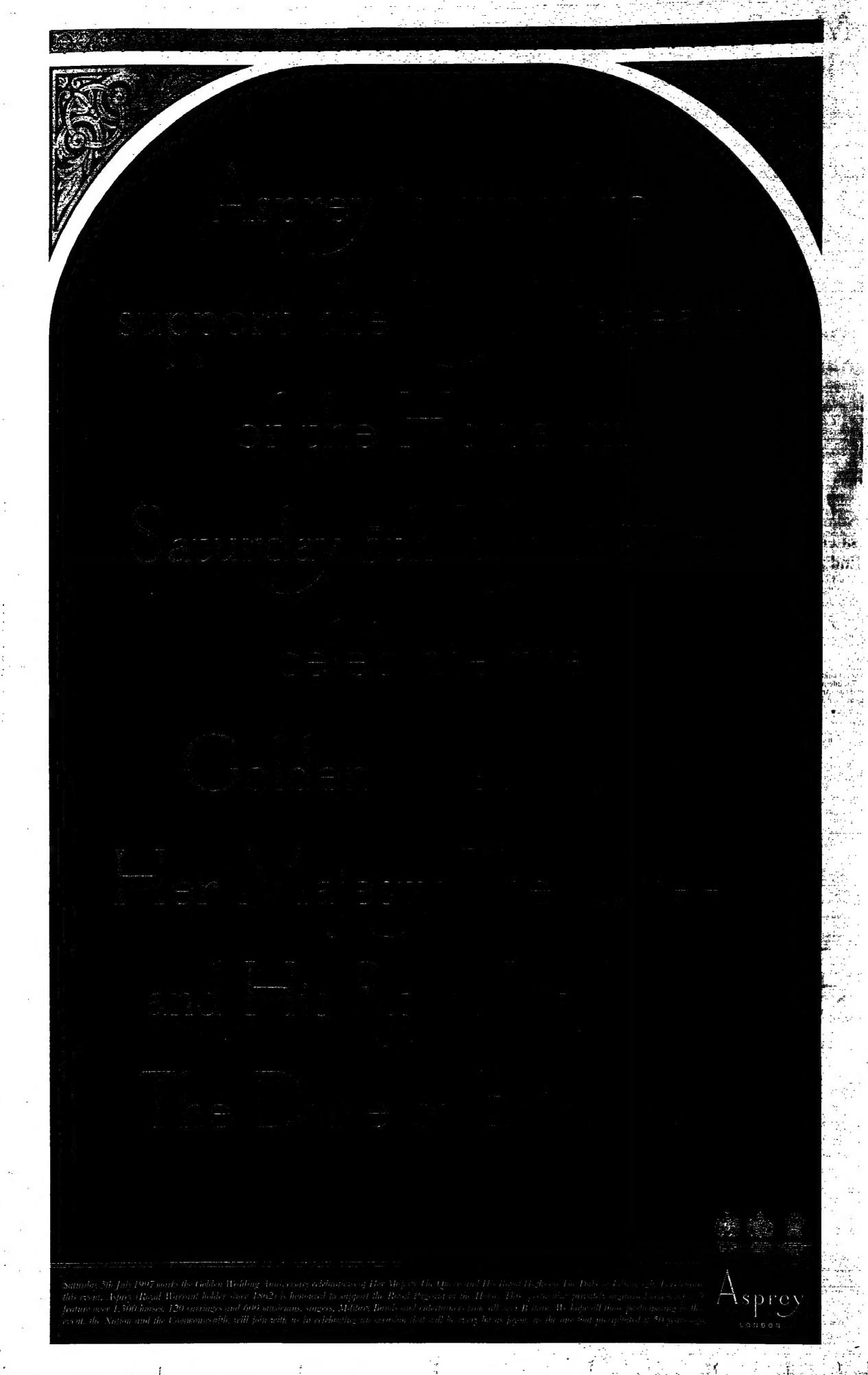
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# Mrs Crumpacker lost in space on the 5.50 to Paris

By Alan Hamilton, Jonathan Prynn and Tim Jones

MRS Marvel Crumpacker of Fort Wayne, Indiana, did not entirely grasp the significance of the moment when she and her daughter boarded the Eurostar train for Paris in the predawn dark of Ashford, Kent, yesterday morning.

Midwest Americans are the most delightful of people and the most adventurous of travellers, but they are not always entirely au fait with world events beyond their state line. Mrs Crumpacker, 58, and her daughter, Denise Bouwers, 35, had seen Tom Cruise speed through the Channel Tunnel in the climax of Mission: Impossible and merely wished to visit Paris by way of this

engineering miracle. Unaware that they had stepped aboard the first train to

through the numel since the history ended when the train fire 16 days ago, they were stopped at Calais; the passen-pleasantly shocked to find ger complement was doubled that as the only two gennine when two more customers gor customers on the 5.50am from Waterloo, they were presented " with champagne by a crew which outnumbered them by

The only other travellers on a train designed to take 800 were a Eurostar public rela-tions official and 20 journal-ists, who fell upon the bemused Mrs Crumpacker and her daughter and interviewed them severely.

"I don't feel at all anxious. I am just excited to be going to Paris, and using the Channel Tunnel is part of the excitement. We went to Bruges yesterday by ferry, but that isn't the same," Mrs Crumpacker said. Their moment of

an unlikely candidate for next year's edition of The Guinness Book of Bribes. As the train trundled through the Kent countryside John Townend, the hardline Euro-sceptic Tory MP for Bridlington, on his way to a meeting of European parliamentarians, was tucking into his free plonk with gusto. He said he had no qualms at all about catching the train, despite the safety concerns ex-pressed by some of his colleagues. To be honest, I'm more concerned about bombs on the Paris underground," he

on, one an SNCF worker.

Matters had improved somewhat by the next departure, the 7.53, whose 18 genuine passengers at least

gent. The fare-paying pioneers were rewarded with automatic

upgrade to first class, free champagne and a quarter-bottle of beaujolais nouveau,

As the train slowed to a cautious 60mph for its passage through the tunnel for what the announcer euphemistically described as "essential". tial engineering work", pass-engers looked in vain for the fire damage. They were pass-ing through the unaffacted



Marvel Crumpacker and her daughter, Denise, enjoy the splendid isolation of Eurostar's first train yesterday

north tunnel; the fire occurred

in the south tunnel. Several passengers had taken the train after hearing on the previous night's television news that passenger services were to be restored. Sharon Haydn, 38, a bank credit risk manager from Kent, had no fears about the journey. "Probably the safest time to go back is the first time after a disaster," she said.

Eurostar claimed yesterday that trains this weekend were already 90 per cent booked, and that only 5 per cent of bookings had been cancelled because of the fire.

The only incident on the 7.53 was the clinking of glasses, and the only worry was that the drink might run out. The train arrived at Gare du Nord two minutes early. By yesterday afternoon passenger loads were climbing back towards three figures as word got around that the tunnel was back in business.

Eurostar rejected accusations that it was putting profit before safety by resuming passenger services so soon.

Adam Mills, deputy chairman, said he was satisfied that every safety precaution was in place and that passengers faced no risk. "As a responsible transport operator we would never put profit before passenger safety. If we did so would be an absolute

passengers to carry."
His assurances cut no ice with Ken Cameron of the Fire Brigades Union, who said it was "an absolute disgrace" that services had been resumed while damage was still

disaster and there would be no

being repaired. "It reminds me of when the tunnel first opened. The concerns our members expressed then about safety were ignored."

In an effort to regain pas-Eurostar is planning special offers, including free tickets to Disneyland Paris, and a £69 return fare to Paris compared with the usual cost of more than £150. Mrs Crumpacker and her daughter may yet be tempted to return.

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# Nomads use satellites to find grazing

Tunnel vision: Tom Cruise in Mission: Impossible

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Bedouin nomads of Saudi Arabia are finding suitable pasture for their flocks withthe aid of satellite technology. Two satellites and a video system carried on;an aircraft are being used to provide them with the information needed to find sustainable

grazing land.
The information ingathered by Saudi Arabia's Mescorology and Environmental Protec-Administration: Abdulbar al-Gain, its president, told New Scientist that the data allowed nomads "to increase their incomes while at the same time lowering

pressure on fragile soils". The data came from a radiometer on one satellite which provided daily information on ground vegetation, supplemented by pictures taken by the Landsat satellite. A third source was an aircraft fitted with a video camera.

# Gallery blows the whistle on Cantona

BY PAUL WILKINSON

trait Gallery has been told that the Manchester United captain, Eric Cantona, would not be a suitable subject. Instead, James Hagne has had to settle for Michael

Caine, his second choice. Last night Tony Banks, the Labour MP, dismissed gallety officials as "out-of touch fuddy duddies". He has gone so far as to table a Commons

Mr Hague, who is studying course at the University of Northumbria, won the chance to paint the personality of his choice when he beat 800 entrants to take the BP Portrait Award last summer. He

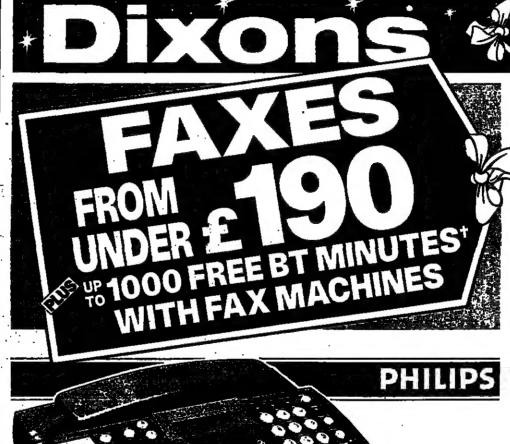
also collected a £10,000 prize. "I am not a football fan but l suggested Eric Cantona because he has such an interesting face, full of character

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A YOUNG artist given the opportunity of painting the portrait of a maker of British history for the National Porand I should choose some-body else."

The gallery has 9,000 portraits dating back to Elizabeth L Many are of politicians and royalty. A spokeswoman said: To have your picture hanging in the gallery you have to have been a maker of British history. The trustees are not sure Eric Cantona will turn was seen as somebody who

would remain famous. Mr Banks, MP for Newham North West, does not agree. His motion says. The that (Cantonal is a player much admired around the world by large numbers of football supporters. His claim to a place in the National Portrait Gallery is far stronger than the obscure nonenti-ties currently on display."



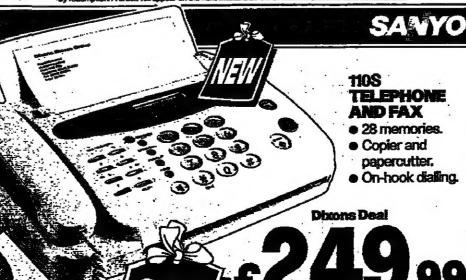




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# Unions fall out over Ford racism dispute

By BILL FROST AND STEPHEN FARRELL

BILL MORRIS, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers union, yesterday accused the Ford Motor Company and another union of compromising with racism.

At the centre of the dispute are 300 Ford lorry drivers at Dagen-ham, who are paid £30,000 a year. Two per cent are from ethnic minorities, compared with 40-45 per cent in other sections. The T&G has taken Ford to an industrial tribunal to fight the cases of seven black workers refused jobs in the lorry fleet. Meanwhile, the drivers have dissolved their T&G branch and applied to join the United Road Transport Union.

Mr Morris, speaking on Radio A's Today programme, acrused David Higginbottom, leader of the URTU, of "compromising with racism". Mr Higginbottom denied oaching the T&G members. Mr Morris, whose members are in the majority at Dagenham, described Ford as "the villain of the piece... putting production before principle

The drivers deliver Ford parts across Britain and western Europe in recognition of their importance, they have been allowed considerable influence in the choice of new recruits. Transport House sources alleged passed from father to son, brother.



Bill Morris clashed with union rival David Higginbottom Attempts by Mr Higginbottom's union to recruit his members were

cousin or friend, just like in the bad old days of the docks and the

The truck fleet is an example of ism. The T&G has an obligation to its members and the principles of natural justice to fight that to the

Mr Higginbottom said last night that a transcript of the Today item was to be played to his union's lawyers. "We are looking at the legal implications of this we cannot have these allegations

Last night Mr Morris called on "which brought the trade union movement into disrepute, particu-larly in the eyes of black people". claimed that many rank-and-file members of the T&G were "heartily sick of Mr Morris's obsession

One convenor, who would not be named, said: "This issue has nothing to do with colour. Some people pass exams and some do not. This is a case of sour grapes which has been whipped up into something far more sinister by the

big chiefs at Transport House.

The reason they [the drivers]
want out of the T&G is the problem with their convenor here—he is of the Left and they are not.
The truck fleet are the elite, and rightly recognised as such. If they went on strike, Ford's production

would stop in a week or less."

Ford said last night: "At the specific request of the industrial tribunal, we are not making any comment. However, we believe we have a very good record on equal opportunities policy and practice."
This is the second time in a year

a breach of inter-union proce-

Mr Higginbottom said the lorry drivers' grievances had nothing to do with racism. "Relations be-

tween the men and their plant. T&G officer have broken down, so

The sad slur made by Mr Morris is totally unfounded. The reason his members are leaving is

not to protect a racist system but

because they cannot put up with

the current situation any longer."

workforce — suggested last night that there was considerable sup-port for the drivers. They also

Other union sources at Dagenham - five represent the 6,800

dures, he said.

that Ford has been embroiled in allegations of racism. In February the company apologised and paid compensation to four black workers at Dagenham after white faces were superimposed on their bodies in a sales brochure. The picture was used in its

original form in a 1991 brochure iliustrating the company's ethnic diversity. The faces of the four assembly line workers disappeared when the photograph was



A delivery lorry leaving the Dagenham plant yesterday

# Plans for new SAS base go on public view

a new base for the SAS have been made available to the public through local councils. The outline plans for the site at Credenhill, six miles from

Hereford, were sent as part of an application for planning permission to South Herefordshire District Council, where they can be viewed. They were also sent to to the parish

The plans, released by the Ministry of Defence, show the location of the guardroom. secure stores, accommodation blocks and fuel stores. Security fencing is outlined, as well as access and a Naafi.

The publication of the plans was crincised by MRs yester day Michael Colvin Johan said: "In hands of the wrong people, the position of the camp, offices and barracks would be ex-tremely useful. Dr David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "It has put the lives of our soldiers at risk. I intend to raise this with Michael Portillo."

The Ministry of Defence said it was routine to submit plans for permission and they had been checked for security implications.

# Student hit by police car on 999 call A student was critically ill in

hospital after she was hit by a police car answering an emergency call. Sarah Morgan, 20, vas hit as she hailed a taxi in Greenwich, southeast London, on Tuesday night. The 31-year-old driver has been suspended while an investigation is carried out. The call turned out to be a false alarm.

## Juniors attack ref

A referee may need plastic surgery after being kicked in the face by players when he abandoned an under-17 game. Alan Pemberton, 57, was attacked as Farsley Celtic Ju-niors played Ossett Town Juniors in west Yorkshire.

## Church vigil

Churchgoers in Southampton are paying a security guard to look after their cars while they worship. Several cars parked outside Wimpson Methodist Church have been vandalised, broken into and had parts

## Drag net

customs officials in Tennesse who insisted she was a drugs smuggler in drag Bethan Deverell, 20, was freed only when a criminal using her passport number was held.

## Return to sender

A man who left an envelope bearing his name and address at the house he broke into was arrested when he returned to get it. Paul Morris, 18, was sentenced to two years deter-tion for amempted barglary at Havant, Hampshire LIN FOI FRI

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## Police damages

man whose ankle was broken when a policeman put him in a leg lock was awarded £4,500 damages against Gloucester shire police. A jury at Gloucester County Court found excessive force was used on Dean Jones Owen, 26.

## Coma death



A woman who gave birth to a daughter while in a coma 18 months ago has died in hospital in Swansea. Karen Battenbough, 25, who was pregnant when she was involved in a car crash, never recovered

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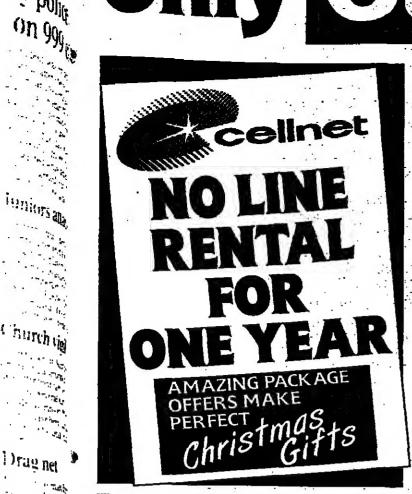
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Bag lady image 'no longer true'

# Illness and abuse drive more women into homelessness

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

an individual. Some accumu-HOMELESS women are more likely to be educated. married mothers suffering from schizophrenia or depression than elderly alcholics carrying all their possessions in plastic bags, according to a report.
A tide of domestic violence many more younger women coming on to the streets and

and sexual abuse, coinciding with the closure of mental asylums, has led to an increase in young women on the streets. Women frequently become homeless because of family disputes, violence or abuse, researchers found. abusive relationships with

If they are mentally ill, they are often forced to stay on the streets because hostels are reluctant to accept people who are too disruptive. The authors of Double Exposure, a study by the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, said the view of the homeless woman as a "bag lady"

late quite a lot of belongings and others don't," said Clare Croft-White, a social researcher. The range of circumstances of homeless women has widened. We are seeing

women from ethnic minority families and refugees. Homeless women are more likely than homeless men to have stayed at school, have qualifications and work experience. They tend to have histories of family violence or

The women are more likely than men to have been married, to have children and maintain contact with their families. They are also more likely to have been separated from their parents before the

At London hostels, 66 per

under 2]. Between 1981 and 1993, more than 5,000 bed spaces were lost for the homeess in inner London.

Of the 2,500 left, just over a quarter are for women but only 378 are in women-only hostels. Hostels find it hard to cope with mentally ill women. Many such women are reluctant to stay in mixed accommodation because of the high levels of harassment and

One hostel worker told the researchers: "If a woman was anxious, not feeling safe, she could start to be disruptive and, while people accept that others have needs, the most vocal here tend to be males, who are generally less tolerant."

Fewer than a quarter of hostel staff have mental health qualifications and many eared working with women suffering from psychiatric



How the doomed campaign, which claimed 252,000 Allied lives, was pictured in The Illustrated London News

# Letter tells of Gallipoli carnage

By ALAN HAMILTON AND JOHN VINCENT

A FIRST-HAND account of one of the great disasters of British military history is expected to fetch up to £1,500

Sotheby's later this month. The campaign on the Turk-ish peninsula of Gallipoli was Winston Churchill's attempt to bring the First World War to an early conclusion by attacking the enemy through the back door. Although the campaign produced much heroism, it claimed 252,000 We supported the landing of Allied lives, including 33,000

> They met an awful fire of rifles and machineguns, both on the men and retreating boats. These last returned to the transports, filled up again ... By the time these got to the shore, where they were met by

were mown down by enemy fire. "It was rotten to see the poor sodgers getting such an awful time," Levick recorded in the previously unpublished account. "Some of the boats were nearly filled with dead before they got to the shore. They dropped by the hundred and all around the beach was strewn with wounded."

in Uckfield, Sussex, of watch-

ing helplessly as Allied troops

Levick, 39, gave a detailed account of the laridings at Gaba Tepe, largely by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which suffered terrible casualties. "I am writing this in a great din as we are bombarding incessantly.

about 20,000 troops, mostly Australians and New Zea-Staff Surgeon Murray Levick was on board HMS Baccante, the Royal Navy ship closest to the action, from which he wrote to his mother

Levick he survived the

tremendously hot fire, nearly all the first lot had been killed but had held the enemy back They were simply raked

with fire and they say the casualties in the first 12 hours were 2,000. We didn't lose a man in the ship, though the howitzer shells were falling all around us.

"They gradually captured the first hill. The sound of rifle fire and machineguns was the most wonderful I have ever heard — they were simply going off solid like being in a hut with a tin roof and a hallstorm coming down on it." The surgeon described constant lines of stretcherbearers coming down the hillsides to the beach.

Levick, who had been a zoologist and medical officer on the ship taking Captain expedition in 1912, survived the war. He was promoted to fleet surgeon and died in 1956, aged 80.

# Elephant Man 'had doctors on false trail'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

JOSEPH MERRICK, the Elephant Man. probably did not suffer from the disease named

Merrick's story has inspired books and a film, but there has long been doubt over what was wrong with him. Born in Leicester in 1862, he was so deformed that he covered his. face with a veil and once starred in a freak show.

In 1886 he was admitted to the London Hospital in Whitechapel, now the Royal London, where he died in 1890. His skeleton has now been X-rayed to try to pin down the cause of his deformities. New Scientist reports.

The conventional explanation is that he suffered from neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that causes uncontrolled growth of nerve cells, leading to unsightly tumours beneath the skin. The condition is often called Elephant

The alternative diagnosis. says Anita Sharma, a senior registrar at the hospital, is Proteus syndrome, an even rarer disease of which fewer than 100 cases have been diagnosed. Several specialists have suggested its symptoms are closer to those of Merrick.

Dr Sharma said it was caused by a gene defect in which cells grew abnormally: The results are so varied that the syndrome was named after the Greek god Proteus, who could change his form at will. Dr Sharma and colleagues X-rayed Merrick's skull to study its internal structure and concluded that it fitted more closely with Proteus syndrome than neuro-

# Irish take to pavements in traffic protest

BY AUDREY MAGEE

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Irish people walked to work yesterday in protest at the Republic's traffic clogged streets.

The protest was prompted by Pat Kenny, an RTE-chat-show host cam-"social experiment" to see the effect on traffic was remarkably light" traffic if more commuters walked. "It

worked," he said. "Many parts of Dublin had free-flowing traffic. Parts of the city that were gridlocked had cars travelling

at 35mph. And people enjoyed it."

The Automobile Association described the experiment as laudable, but claimed there was little appreciable fall in traffic levels in Dublin. In Cork and Limerick. paigning to reduce rush-hour traffic. where the average distance from the Kenny said that he was conducting a suburbs to the city centre is three miles. where the average distance from the

The Irish economic boom lies behind

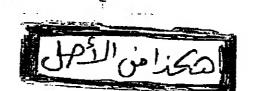
the congestion. A sharp rise in car ownership in the past three years has placed the inadequate infastructure under strain. Dublin is often gridlocked with traffic already at levels predicted for 2001.

In reaction the Government introduced a temporary ban on some inner-city meter parking. It is also devising plans for a new public transport system. But debate cantinues on whether it should be a lightrail system or a more expensive underground scheme.



You can't buy better this Christmas





# Lottery regulator urges clampdown on underage sales

By Carol Midgley

CHILDREN will go "undercover to catch shopkeepers who flout lottery rules under plans for a clampdown on underage gambling an-nounced by Oflot yesterday.

The proposals coincided with the first prosecution of a shopkeeper for underage sales. Naheem Bashir, who was caught when trading standards investigators ac-companied a 13-year-old girl to his shop, was fined £500.

As well as "test purchases" by children, the lottery regulator is proposing a telephone hotline for public up-offs about sales to under-16s. It is drawing up the plans with Camelot, the lottery operator, and trading standards

Peter Davis, Director-Gen-eral of Oflot, described the existence of habitual young lottery and scratchcard players as disturbing. "I will not tolerate sales to under-los," he said. "They are illegal and bad for the reputation of the National Lottery and, with the help of responsible parents and the public, I intend to make them bad for retailers who flout the law."

Trading standards officials have complained that Camelot has dropped only three of the 35,000 lottery outlets because

of underage sales. Camelot emphasised, however, that it was not a law enforcement. agency and could not carry out

its own policing.
A survey of 7,200 children aged between 12 and 15 found that up to 15 per cent had spent their own money on the lottery during the previous week. Three per cent were playing two or three times a week.

The survey found that the amount children spent on the lottery had fallen by a third since November 1995. It found, however, that children who frequently bought volved with alcohol, tobacco, drugs or fruit machines too.



Bashir: fined £500 for

Sue Fisher, of the Faculty of Human Sciences at the University of Plymouth, who conducted the research for Oflot, called for the minimum age for Instants scratchcards to be raised to 18.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, welcomed the clampdown. I hope the publicity will alert a great many adults and parents to the need to police the situation," she said. "Having a family syndicate is pretty harmless, but what children may not do is go into a shop and buy a ticket . . , that's why it's important Oflor insists on

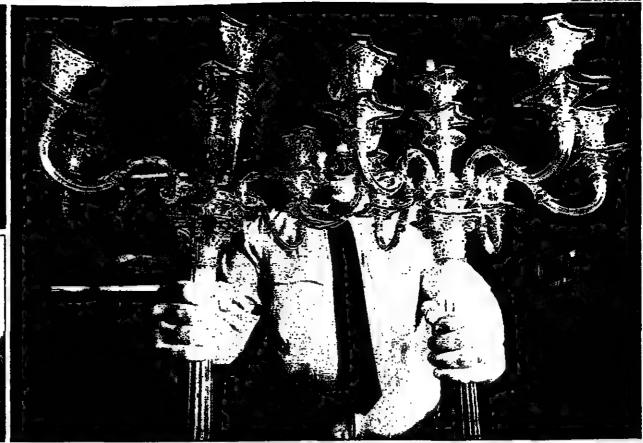
further steps.
"It is like drink-driving. It is something that's just not acceptable," she told Talk Radio, The most important sanction on shopkeepers is withdraw-ing a terminal, for which they get about £8,000 a year."

The Methodist Church ex

pressed concern about the lax controls that allowed a worrying level of gambling by under-los. It called for the minimum age for players to be 18, saying: "The National Lot-tery has been promoted by HM Government to serve a number of good causes, but that activity must not take place at the expense of the young and vulnerable."







Police chiefs Pat Byrne, top, and Ronnie Flanagan who are engaged in a friendly wrangle over the silver candelabra held in Belfast

# Possession is all of the law in police rivalry

By NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF DIELAND CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Dublin's chief of police calls on his counterpart in Belfast, he casts an envious eye over two large silver candelabra prominently displayed in the foyer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters.

However, Pat Byrne, the Garda Commissioner, is unlikely to secure the silverware for the Republic. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Consta-

ble, is said to have no intention of breaking the tradition of Sir Hugh Annesley, his predecessor, who used to take great pleasure in pointing out the candelabra to visiting Irish commissioners. Sir Hugh would tease them with the words: "They're ours and you're not having them."

The candelabra used to form the centrepiece of the officers' mess at the old Royal Irish Constabulary headquarters in Dublin and the Irish police want them back. When the force was

disbanded at the partition of Ireland in 1922 — to be replaced by the RUC in the North and the Garda Siochana in the South - the silver was among hundreds of Items distributed to RIC officers by lot. The candelabra, em-bossed with the RIC insignia, were passed to the RUC in Belfast by relatives of the officers who secured

On returning south from a recent visit to Belfast, a smiling Mr Byrne told an audience in Dublin: "I saw it

could be an international incident." The rivalry between the two forces over the candelabra extends to a friendly competition to secure the other items. The Garda museum in Dublin has an impressive collection of silver spoons with the RIC insignia. Once again, though, the RUC has the upper hand, with a silver snuff box made from the hoof of a horse that saw action at the Battle of Waterloo

# Newsagent caught after police tip-off

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE newsagent fined for un- and business was suffering as derage lottery sales was caught after a girl's stepfather tipped off the police and

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Naheem Bashir, 34, admitted selling an Instants ticket and a National Lottery draw ticket to the 13-year-old girl. He was charged after two trading standards officers accompanied her to his shop, N&N Newsagents, in Armley, Leeds, and saw her buy the

Magistrates' Court was told that the police and Camelot were tipped off by her epfather after she bought a ticket in March. Bashir, whoruns the shop with his brother Nadeem, told trading standards investigators that he believed the girl to be "well over 16". The men said that they were aware of the legal restrictions on ticket sales and that they would check a customer's age if they looked

Jeremy Young, for Bashir, told the court that the lottery machine and Instants tickets had been removed by Camelot

a result. He presented a peti-tion in support of Bashir, signed by his regular custom-ers, and said that it was often "extremely difficult" to tell how old a teenager was.

This is not a bad man, but unfortunately he has fallen foul of the situation." Mr Young told the magistrates. "Camelot, for my client's breach, have removed his terminal. One wonders, if what would have been removed from them. This case is a salutary lesson that one can

never be too careful." Bashir, of Roundhay, Leeds, declined to comment after the case. Mr Young said: "He feels unlucky, but somebody was

going to be."

The case, which was the first of its kind, was brought by west Yorkshire trading standards officers. Camelot said: "We are delighted that a trading standards department has, for the first time, prosecuted a National Lottery retailer for selling tickets to underage players.

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# Cranborne defends Romanticised claims are unconvincing honour and value of the Upper House

THE Leader of the House of Commons. In effect this would Lords, Viscount Cranborne, yesterday condemned Labour's plans to abolish the voting rights of hereditary peers. He said that the party's reforms were ill-considered and would turn the Lords into the greatest quango in the

But Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, gave warning that Labour would flood the Lords with life peers if the Tory opposition to constitutional reform, including the party's plans for devolution, became too great. Interviewed by the New Statesman, Lord Irvine said: "I wouldn't rule it out. If this was a piece with a determination to thwart devolution legislation, then a Labour government would have to look at every weapon at its

Lord Cranborne, in a speech to the think-tank Politeia, confirmed that in opposition the Tories would not try to overturn Labour's constitutional reforms by ignoring the so-called Salisbury convention, under which peers do not oppose manifesto commitments of an incoming govern-ment. But he warned Labour to stick to another equally important convention that

allow the Tories to bog down the legislation with detailed amendments.

Lord Cranborne said: "If the electorate and the House of Commons wish to reform us, the Salisbury convention would apply. This means that the House of Lords would not vote against the second reading of a Bill whose principle had been set out in a new government's manifesto."

But he added: "We would still have a constitutional obligation to improve the quality of the legislation by amending it in detail insofar as we think this is justified.\* While Labour will see this

as a warning not to expect their reforms to get an easy ride in Parliament, Lord Cranborne's remarks will dismay some Tory peers who feel that the Salisbury convention will unnecessarily tie their hands in opposition. Lord Cranborne believes that scrapping the convention, which was proposed in 1945 by his grandfather, the Fifth Marquess of Salisbury, would make the Lords look undemocratic and could increase the pressure for reform.

He said that Labour's but would give greater power be fully debated by a commit-tee of the whole House of of the Commons, challenging and so challenge the Com-mons. That is why Lords reform foundered in the late 1960s and it remains the unresolved question about Labour's proposals, as Lord Cranborne, Leader of the

is the key to reforming the House of Lords.

Lords, argued in his lecture the elected chamber's yesterday. This was delivered, Lord Cranborne also gave appropriately, at II Carlton House Terrace, once a home warning against creating a of Gladstone, the long-time Lords consisting entirely of appointed life-peers, giving the Prime Minister of the day opponent of the 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, the late Victorian hugely increased powers of Prime Minister and greatgreat-grandfather of his lordship.

The lecture was one of the patronage.
He admitted that the "spirit

rich", had normal jobs and

represented the "common

man in Parliament". He de-

nied that the Tories had an

automatic majority of those

peers who regularly attended. Only half of all hereditary

peers were Tory, and even they had a "distressing habit

of listening to the argument".

Lord Richard, the Labour

leader in the Lords, said: "Our

commitment to the reform of

the House of Lords remains

unshaken, and we will look to

the electorate to help us get it

of the age was not instinctively sympathetic" to hereditary peers. "Traditionally the pubmost elegant and refreshing from any Cabinet minister for a long time. It had the historical perspective of the Cecil family, together with the pessimistic doubts about delic sees the hereditary peerage as a collection of chinless wonders who live on their broad acres, shooting and hunting anything that moves, mocracy of the 3rd Marquess. weak in arm and weak in the No other recent Leader of the Lords could have described the House as "like a trusted head: rather like me in fact. The reality is rather different." independent adviser to the He said that the number of landowning hereditary peers who attended the Lords was headstrong head of a family. The adviser cannot prevent him ruining himself but he declining, and that active can warn and once at least ask peers increasingly were "not

> Lord Cranborne's grandeur and style can be beguiling but his acute insights about the balance of power within Parliament need to be distinguished from his neo-Gothic romanticism about the virtues of hereditary peers. His lordship protested too much about their virtues as amateur politicians in contrast to the admitted dangers of the dominance of the Commons by full-time career politicians. But hereditary peers are not quite the

him to reconsider."



a body chosen by lot, that he would have us believe. They may be accidents of history but they are not a random sample of the population. His claims that the Lords does not have an in-built Tory majority Government is regularly de-feated, but most defeats are

dichards of 1910-11. Lord

Cranbonne does not want to repeat of the long drawn-out hattles of that era which decisively curtailed the powers of the Lords. He emphasised the Salisbury/Addison doctrine devised by his grandfather after Labour's landslide victory in 1945 that it would be constitutionally wrong for the Lords

have been definitely put be fore the electorate". By avoiding such a fight, he reserves the right for the Lords to act as an indepen-

tutional measures upstairs in standing committees to avoid clogging up the House with Labour's many proposals for constitutional reform. Lord Cranborne said the convention that the committee stages of such Bills should be on the floor of the Commons was an important safeguard. He linked this to the Salisbury convention on the powers of the Lords, with the implication that if Labour changes

that if it uses its power to defy the Commons it makes itself indefensible, while any atterrot to make its composition more defensible has so far Commons. Lord Irvine of Lairg the Shadow Lord Chancellor, makes plain in the New Statesman today that Labour is determined to abolish hereditary peers and would be prepared to consider the Asquitt-Lloyd George threat of 1911 of a mass creation of life neers if the Lords obstructed constitutional reform. The Tories would trate on questioning Labour's reform proposals than to go to the last ditch in defending hereditary peers. Tony Blair

# Blair wins support for code of conduct

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR won the sup-port of Labour MPs last night for a new code of conduct that makes it a disciplinary offence to do anything that "brings the

Labour should be seen as professional and disciplined in contrast to the Tory party. But the code, supported by 86 amendment stating that it should be applied in a way that did not "stifle democratic debate on policy matters". The amendment said that the code should not "weaken the spirit of tolerance and respect referred to in Clause Four".

There were also signs yesterday that backbenchers may not hold the line. Twentyseven MPs, including members of the left-wing campaign group, voted against the code and two MPs, Jeremy Corbyn and Eddie Loyden, have signed a petition from the Socialist Workers' Party attacking the Labour leader-

IN PARLIAMENT

ship. This follows a mini-rebellion by four Labour MPs who voted against the penny cut in income tax in the Budget debate when when the official line was to abstain.

plained that there had been little time for proper debate during yesterday's meeting of the paper are expected to be backed at next week's meeting

with the policies of the Partia party into disrepute". Whether a particular action falls into that category will be for Donald Dewar, Labour's chief

# party into disrepute". Mr Blair made clear that

Some leftwingers comthe Parliamentary Labour Larry. were tabled to the 22-page document. The final pages of

of the PLP when disciplinary measures will be discussed. The revised code reaffirms that MPs should refrain from "personal attacks upon colleagues orally or in writing and should "act in harmony mentary Labour Party". The new clause is that MPs should "do nothing which brings the

Whip, to decide. The ultimate sanction for such behaviour would be withdrawal of the whip, but the first stage would be a written reprimand from the Chief Whip, which would be reported to the parliamentary committee and to the constituency party of the MP concerned. This could lead to an MP being de-selected by his

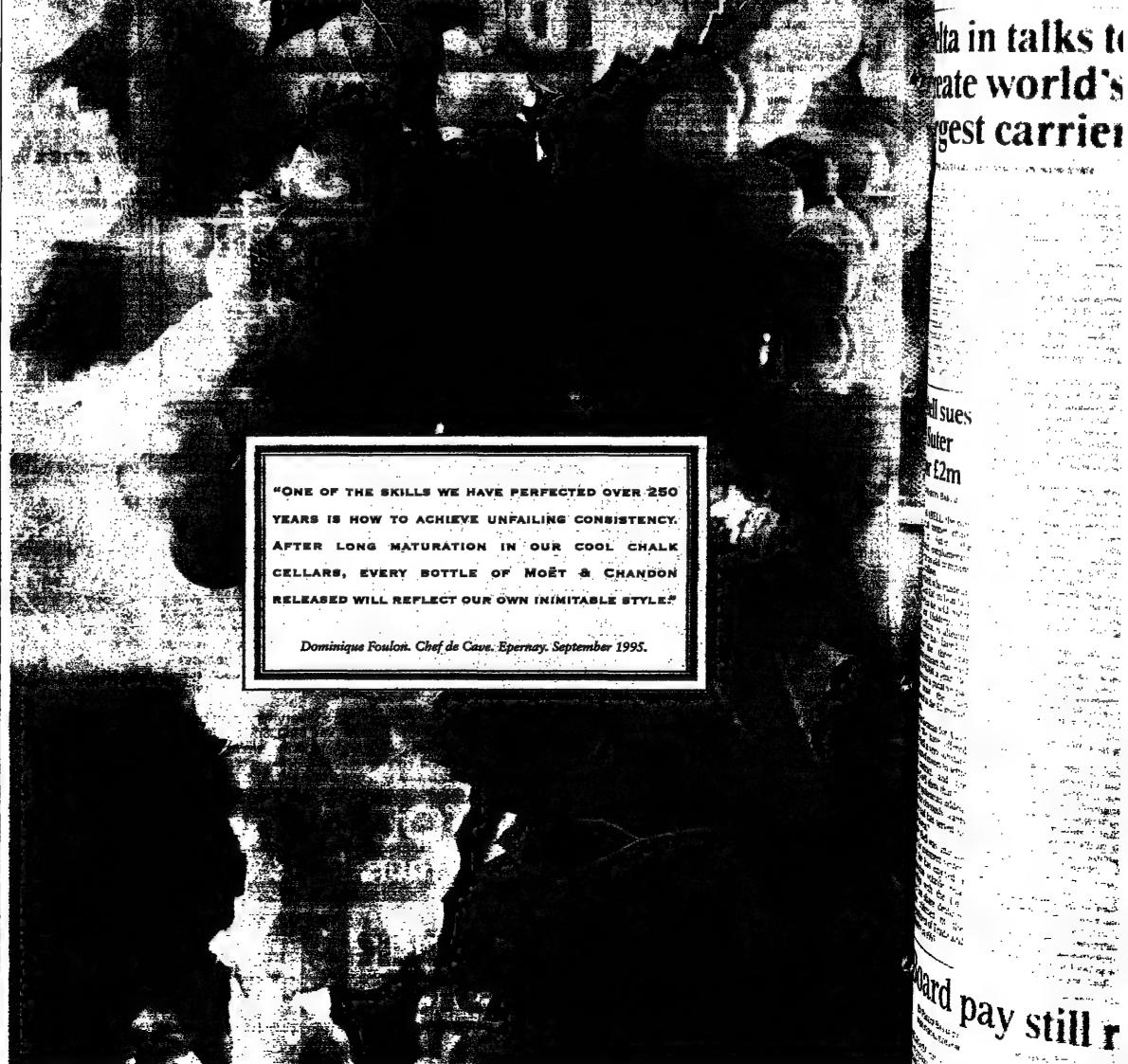
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dent-minded revising chamber. He warned against any attempt to take the detailed Commons scrutiny of consti-

the way constitutional matters are considered in the Com-mons, this will affect their treatment in the Lords. The paradox of the Lords is

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can only win such a peers

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# Bass toasts 7,000 new jobs

By Alasdair Murray

BASS; the brewing and leisure company, plans to create about 7,000 jobs in its pubs and leisure businesses this year as it ploughs £670 million into expansion plans. Sir lan Prosser, chairman,

said the jobs would be concentrated in its branded pubs businesses - which include All Bar One, Fork and Pitcher and Harvester - while about 1,500 positions will be created through the expansion of its bowling parks and Dave and Busters, the adult orientated electronic theme parks.

Bass unveiled a 12 per cent SCOTTISHPOWER is to increase in full-year profit shed 2,000 jobs at Southern before tax to £671 million. It added that it had created about 6,000 jobs this year after

investing £568 million. The job details come as the company awaits an Office of Fair Trading decision on whether to refer its £200 million purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The City is expecting Bass to make

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ceives regulatory clearance for the takeover of the rival brewing group. Bass said yesterday it had no further concrete details on the regulatory process although the company confirmed it would walk away from the deal if the authorities

as too stringent. Turnover rose 12.5 per cent

imposed conditions regarded

BY OLIVER AUGUST

shed 2,000 jobs at Southern

Water as part of a reorganisa-

tion programme.
ScottishPower said that

Southern Water, acquired for

£1.68 billion in July, was unfocused, wasteful and lack-

ing in efficiency.

Mike Kinski, who is lead-

ing the reorganisation, said

Southern Water was bur-

dened by its huge bureaucra-cy, which had developed as

dend rises 10 per cent to 25p above City expectations.

Hooper's Hooch, the country's bestselling alcopop, helped profits in the brewery division to rise 9 per cent to £157 million. Sir Ian said he did not believe that the 40 per cent duty rise imposed in the Budget would have a signifi-cant effect on sales. Bass has

ScottishPower wields axe

the utility diversified. At the

time of the takeover, he said,

25 employees were needed to

do the paperwork for the bills

that the different divisions

were charging each other. A

consumer service system is to

receive computer technology

for the first time and the

number of customer call cen-

tres is to be reduced from four

Of the 2,000 jobs, 700 will

disappear through direct cuts

at Southern Water and 1,300

begun exporting Hooper's to some 30 countries and said initial sales were promising. Overall volumes in the beer

division rose 2.7 per cent with premium products such as Caffreys, Carling Premier and Grolsch enjoying strong growth. Britvic, the soft drinks division, increased profits 9 per cent to £50 million.

off non-core businesses. ScottishPower increased pre-

tax profits 31 per cent to £167

million in the six months to

September 30. Earnings per

share rose 26 per cent to 14p

and the interim dividend was

lifted from 5.17p to 6.17p. The full-year dividend is forecast

The company said that inte-

gration targets at Manweb,

acquired in 1995, had exceed-

to rise 19 per cent to 18.5p.

ed expectations.

ment in riding seven race winners at Ascot hit profits at the leisure division, which fell 11 per cent to £66 million. Bass said Mr Detorri's unique feat, on the last Saturday of the company's financial year, cost Coral, its bookmaking busi-ness, about £4 million. Continuing difficulties at the Gala bingo business also hurt profwith bingo admissions

aged house division lifted operating profits 23 per cent to £221 million as food sales rose 54 per cent. Drink sales were 6.5 per cent ahead.

Bass currently owns and manages 2,780 pubs, including 102 Harvester restaurants, 69 O'Neill Irish theme pubs and 15 All Bar One café bars. Profits from the company's

## Unions attack NatWest

NATWEST was criticised by unions after it confirmed that it would cut "at least" 10,000 more jobs and close 200 branches by the year 2000 (Robert Miller writes).

Bifu, the banking, finance and insurance union, said NatWest's decision would hit some communities very hard and called for a rethink. Alan Ainsworth, Bifu assistant secretary added: "We cannot endorse the creation of unemployment

ghetioes." The 30,000-strong NatWest Staff Asso-ciation said: "This number of job losses is huge in any-one's language. We will ex-amine and scrutinise all of the bank's proposals to ensure they are sensible, not only for staff who stay or go,

but also for customers." Tim Jones, managing di-rector of retail banking, said the two unions had helped to draw up the strategy behind

## **BUSINESS TODAY**

STOCK MARKET INDICES The hotel division increased FTSE 100 ..... operating profits 19 per cent to £195 million helped by rising room rates in America. Bass added a further 280 hotels to its Holiday Inn Worldwide franchise brand during the year, bringing the total num-ber to 2.250 hotels with 387,000 rooms. A further 560 hotels, with 59,000 rooms. have gained formal approval TONDOM MONEY to join the brand but have not yet entered the system. Bass said it expects about 85 per cent of these to join the system Sir Ian said the company STEEL ING expects growth to be restored to the leisure business this year and that the continuing buoyancy in consumer spending and growth in demand for US hotels should drive the business forward. But he said a strengthening pound could \$\$ 500UM A final dividend of 17.3p is Tokyo olose Yen 113.23

# Delta in talks to create world's largest carrier

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

DELTA AIRLINES and Con- would still trail United and create the world's largest carrier. A merger could trigger a wave of consolidation in the crowded US airline industry. Insiders said the most likely

outcome from the talks was a takeover worth about \$1.8 billion of Continental; the fifth. largest American carrier, by Delta, the third largest.

The combined company would have about one quarter of America's domestic market, overtaking United Airlines in US business, although it

Abell sues

Suter

for £2m

BY MARTIN BAKER

DAVID ABELL, the controversial former chair-man of Suter, the industrial conglomerate,

is suing his old company

that Suter has failed to

honour the three-year

rolling contract that paid

him £390,000 a year. Bonuses and a putative pay rise boost the sum

claimed to the £2 million

A spokesman for Ascot aid: We have offered

Mr Abell a very substan-

tial sum of money to settle

his contract, and the

The spokesman added:

Mr Abell was unavail-

But he obviously wants.

more and has served us

able for comment yester-

day. He has enjoyed a somewhat volatile rela-

tionship with the City

after his share dealings

were criticised by the

Department of Trade and

Industry in 1993.

with a writ."

record will show that."

Mr Abell, who made an estimated £10 million last year when he sold Suter to Ascot Holdings for £290 million, is alleging

for £2 million.

mark.

tional services. It would serve about 155 cities inside the US. The route networks of Delta and Continental would fit

fairly well together although both operate from hubs in the South. Delta is centred on Atlanta, while Continental's hub is Dallas, but the overlap is not great. Overseas, Delta operates more postes to Europe, while Continental Airlines concentrates on Latin America.

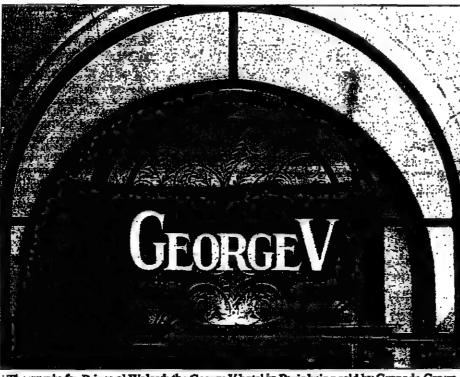
The talks, which surprised most analysts, are the latest step in the consolidation of the US airline industry that has prompted a wave of deals with foreign carriers, the largest of which is the proposed link between British Airways and

American. US companies have made large profits over the last two years but see little room for further organic growth, increasing pressure for growth through takeovers or other deals. An agreement between BA and American would produce the world's largest international air network. It would also give BA access to the huge domestic US market by linking with American's internal

However, merger talks between US airlines are notori-ously-uncertain as the failed negotiations between American and United demonstrated last year. The deals most likely to succeed are now between relatively weak airlines and stronger airlines with a large

market share. Inside the US, the airlines with the widest networks and the most "hub" airports are regarded as the strongest placed to take advantage of an industry consolidation. Continental is the weaker partner in the current talks, having emerged from Chapter 11. bankruptcy protection just two

and a half years ago. David Bonderman, its leading shareholder who has masterminded the airline's financial recovery, describes himself as a medium-term investor and may be looking to sell his shares, analysts said.



The way in for Prince al-Walead: the George V hotel in Paris being sold by Granada Group



Part of the dining room at the prestigious hotel



# Saudi prince buys George V

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi billionaire who is a nephew of King Fahd, yesterday revealed he was buying the George V hotel in Paris for E104 million from Granada

The Prince is understood to have beaten off stiff competition, including Prince Jefri of Brunei, to secure the George V - one of the world's most prestigious hotels. The hotel. which has 258 rooms, was opened in 1928. Last year the hotel, part of Granada's Exclusive chain, made an operating loss of £200,000 on £17 million turnover. The City welcomed the sale

price - well above the hotel's book value of £92.3 million. Granada's shares rose 8p to close at 882.5p. Earlier this month Granada

made its first Exclusive sale when Mandarin Oriental International, the Hong Kongbased hotel group, paid £86 million for the Hyde Park Hotel in London. Granada is aiming to sell the remaining 15 hotels in the Exclusive chain, which has a total book value of £800 million, over the next few months. Chelsfield, the property company, is believed to be close to acquiring the Westbury in Mayfair for around £40 million.

Prince al-Waleed has been expanding his hotel interests rapidly in recent years and is believed to have made an offer of about £750 million for the whole of the Exclusive chain. He has also bid around £350 million for the Princess luxury hotels, that Lonrho is selling He already owns a substantial stake in the Four Seasons hotel group and the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Earlier this year, the Prince took the unusual step of teaming up with Michael Jackson, the pop star, to establish a multimedia entertainment business focusing on

# Pennington, page 27 Capel loses £3.6m over Energy sale

By Kerth Rodgers

HSBC James Capel is nursing a loss of £3.675 million on a single transaction after the Government's sale of 81 million shares in British Energy, the

The market maker bought the entire stake at a price of 146p a share, and sold about a quarter of the holding on the same day. Yesterday it declared an outstanding interest in 8.75 per cent of British Energy, and is expected to retain the holding in the medium term. However, the shares closed at 140p yesterday, leaving James Capel with 61.25 million shares valued at 6p less than the purchase price.

British Energy shares have

already had a rocky ride since flotation in the summer, initially falling below the 105p offer price. The Government retained a 12 per cent stake

The disposal was part of a £257 million divestment of utility shares, and included 6.6 million National Grid shares and 18.7 of million Scottish-Power. Holdings in six elecpricity companies were sold to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which declined to comment yesterday on their forward sale. Shares in three water companies were also sold. The Treasury retains holdings in BT and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company.

# Pound slips back again

GOLD

London close ..... \$389,96 (\$367.85)

THE pound continued to fall yesterday. Sterling's trade-wighted index against a basket of currencies closed at 92.7, compared with 93.7 on Tuesday, losing ground against the mark and dollar. It finished at about DM2.5602, down nearly two pfennigs from Tuesday and nearly eight prennigs lower than Monday's peak of DM2,6370.

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# Board pay still rising faster than workers' £52,000, the report emphasises that

By PHILIP BASSETT -INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BOARDROOM pay is rising faster. than in previous years, with average increases for company directors reaching of 5 per cent, the latest top wages study from the Institute of Directors (loD) and Reward, the pay research

It says that on average over the past 12 months directors enjoyed rises of ployees. Almost 5,000 directors in the UK responded to the survey.

Directors are forecasting further increases in the coming year of between 3.5 per cent and 4.5 per cent. although the study suggests that close to a fifth are expecting rises of above 5

per cent. While accepting that directors' pay and benefits "remain very high on the

between 3.7 per cent and 5 per cent, public and political agenda", the study salead of rank-and-file company emtions of the Greenbury and Cadbury committees on pay and corporate governance, greater openness should remove the feeling "that there are thousands of 'fat cats' out there creaming off the profits of the company

a turnover of up to £25 million is now

quoted companies that provoked such a political and public futore. Tim Melville-Ross, Director-Generand giving low pay rises to their staff.

Suggesting that the typical pay for a managing director in a company with

al of the IoD, said that the survey "confirms, once again, that high-profile salaries and rises are not representative and give quite the wrong impression about directors" rewards generally".

most company directors do not have

levels anything like those in publicly

# Citibank expands in Dublin

will create 950 jobs.

Citibank's investment at around Ir£50 million and the Irish Government's near to IrE10 million. Citibank already employs 150 people in the Republic.

## Caffyns up

on January 10.

## New director

sector, mainly in America. retailing.

Clydeport expects to in-crease this year's total dividend to at least 4.5p a share from 4.4p previous ly, with a final dividend of not less than 3p (Business News, December 4).

## TOURIST RATES

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### Citibank is to set up its second European process-ing centre in Dublin. The back-office support centre Unofficial sources put

# Reduced interest charges

helped Caffyns, the auto-motive distributor, to lift pre-tax profits to £754,000 (£291,000) on turnover little changed at £86.3 million (£83 million). The interim is held at 5p, due

Body Shop International has appointed Adrian Beilarny as its third nonexecutive director. Mr Bellamy has 25 years' experience in the retailing Ivan Levy is to be executive director in charge of

## Clydeport

THE Bank of England yester-day announced what it called the biggest change to its daily money-market operations for a century, claiming that London's money and bond markets were now "state of the art" and able to compete with any other financial centre in

> The big change is the inclusion of "gilt repos" in the Bank's money-market operations as well as Treasury bills.

ALAN BOND, the former

Australian tycoon, yesterday

pleaded guilty to his part in

the biggest corporate fraud in

Australian history in a move

that could see him spend ten

ing Bond Corporation, his

public company, over the sale

of La Promenade, a French

Yesterday he admitted act-

more years behind bars. Bond is already serving three years in jail for defraud-

Impressionist painting.

gilt market more liquid and more attractive to foreign

This follows the enormous Allowing gilt repos to be growth of the gilt repo market that was set up in January this used in the money markets will provide another useful year. There are now an estimated £60 billion of gilt repos and widely traded instrument outstanding — three times the amount of bills. to banks and others to manage their daily cash needs more The gilt repo market allows

Franchise to ride: Trevor Smallwood, chairman of FirstBus, left, with Bob Breakwell, managing director of Great

Eastern Railway, at Liverpool Street Station yesterday, after FirstBus was formally awarded the franchise to run

services from London across Essex and Suffolk. Great Eastern is the fifteenth of 25 rail franchises to be privatised

Bank adds 'gilt repos' to

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

last century.

Bond pleads guilty to fraud

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

ing dishonestly and with in-

tent to defraud in connection

with a A\$1 billion (£487 mil-

lion) loan to Bond Corporation

from Bell Resources, which he

acquired from Robert Holmes

à Court, a fellow Australian

tycoon He faces a maximum

sentence of five years' impris-

onment on each charge. Bond, 58, pleaded guilty

after the prosecution agreed to

drop seven further charges

relating to the Bell Resources

banks and other players to The Bank also announced borrow and lend money with yesterday that it was opening gilts as security, a facility that the Bank argues has made the up the money market to a greater array of financial play-

fraud. He is scheduled to be

Bond's guilty plea marks the final chapter in a list of

long-running prosecutions that he has fought since the collapse of his business em-

Bond had headed a concern

that had a stake in Allied

Lyons, the food and drinks

giant, and interests in

goldmines, newspapers and

pire in the late Eighties.

television.

sentenced in Pebruary.

ers, including banks, building societies and securities firms as well as the discount houses that have long been the mar-

ket's middle men.

Ian Plenderleith, executive director of the Bank, said that the new arrangements were compatible with the Europewide arrangements being developed in the European Monetary Institute, but that this was not the prime

He said that the Bank was responding to the ever modernising financial markets and that its programme of updating trading structures would help London to maintain its pre-eminent position as a financial centre whether or not Britain opted into the single currency.

The Bank is seeking comment on its proposals and is hoping to implement final

plans early next year.

| Reaction to yesterday's £2.5 billion auction of five-year gilts was disappointing with bids received of only 1.7 times the amount on offer. This is less strong than the demand seen at the previous two

# **Flexibility** hits pay, according to study

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's labour market reforms, making Britain's job market more flexible. have led to greater pay inequality, an official study acknowledges today.

While ministers insist today

that the findings suggest that the Government's labour market reforms are helping to boost the UK economy overall, the acknowledgement of their impact on earnings and equali-ty will be taken as significant. Labour and the trade unions have long argued that greater labour market flexibility makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. This is confirmed in a study published today in Statistics's Labour Market Trends journal. It concludes that while the Government's reforms of unions, employment rights, social security and minimum wages have led to some increase in flexibility. "It also appears that these reforms have contributed to a money-market operations

reforms have contributed to a significant widening of the earnings distribution." The study of recoveries in the 1980s and 1990s in the UK, US, Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Australia, says, that in the 1980s, "wage in-equality increased more ouickly in the UK than in any

of the other countries." That trend has continued in the 1990s, the study says, with male wage inequality stagnating in 1992-94 but then showing a "large rise" in 1995, and female wage inequality rising more quickly in the 1990s than in the previous decade.

The study suggests that other factors include technological progress favouring skilled workers and competition from low-wage develop-

ing countries.
On jobs, where Government ministers claim Britain is improving, the study says that the UK employment performance does not appear particularly impressive by inter-national standards. Employment in the UK still fell in the first three years of the 1990s recovery. Only in Canada and Germany was employment performance clearly worse than in Britain. On unemployment, the study says the UK is now performing better than

other European countries.

# BAe consortium buys into German defence

A CONSORTIUM containing British Aerospace has finally sealed a £100 million deal to buy a 49 per cent stake in STN Atlas, Germany's foremost military electronics company. The consortium, which includes Rheinmetall and Badenwerke, the German industrial combines, negotiated the sale with the liquidator of the Bremer

Vulkan shipyard, one-time owner of STN.

BAc's move to join the consortium followed a failed attempt to enter the naval market with a bid for the VSEL shipbuilder. A spokesman said: "It will be a real increase in our customer base because of STN's work for the German ministry of defence." In 1995 STN made DM32 million pre-tax profit on DML45 billion sales and had about DM88 million net assets.

# Banking complaints up

COMPLAINTS made to the Banking Ombudsman up to September 30 rose by more than 20 per cent to a record 22,793. Laurence Shurman, outgoing ombudsman, blamed banks' attempts to improve efficiency through branch closures and new technology. Only 7.264 translated into written complaints that the ombudsman felt worthy of examination in more depth - 8 per cent up on last year. About one-third of complaints concerned lending and mortgages. Average award was £2.815.

# AIM rules tightened

THE London Stock Exchange has tightened the listing rules for the Alternative Investment Market, demanding more information about companies planning to join and exercising greater control over the role of the junior market's 61 nominated advisers. As from January 2 companies must name not only their major shareholders but anyone providing it with formal or informal financial backing at least ten working days before flotation.

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# **About-turn by UKAV**

UK Active Value Fund, the dissident Greycoat shareholder, is no longer seeking to liquidate the Greycoat property portfolio. The fund claimed success in securing an intention from Greycoat to sell the £200 million Embankment Place office building. In a sudden about-turn, UKAV will abstain from voting on the proposal at today's extraordinary meeting. However, a spokesman said it was still in sympathy with the bid approach from Moorfield.

## Salvesen meets rebels

DIRECTORS of Christian Salvesen yesterday met about 60 of the transportation group's largest private shareholders to discuss their concerns over plans for a special dividend payout and demerger. Sir Gerald Elliot, the former Salvesen chairman leading the dissidents; said shareholders were very strongly opposed to the demerger of Aggreko, its hire business, and the £150 million payout. The rebels must now decide whether to call an extraordinary meeting.

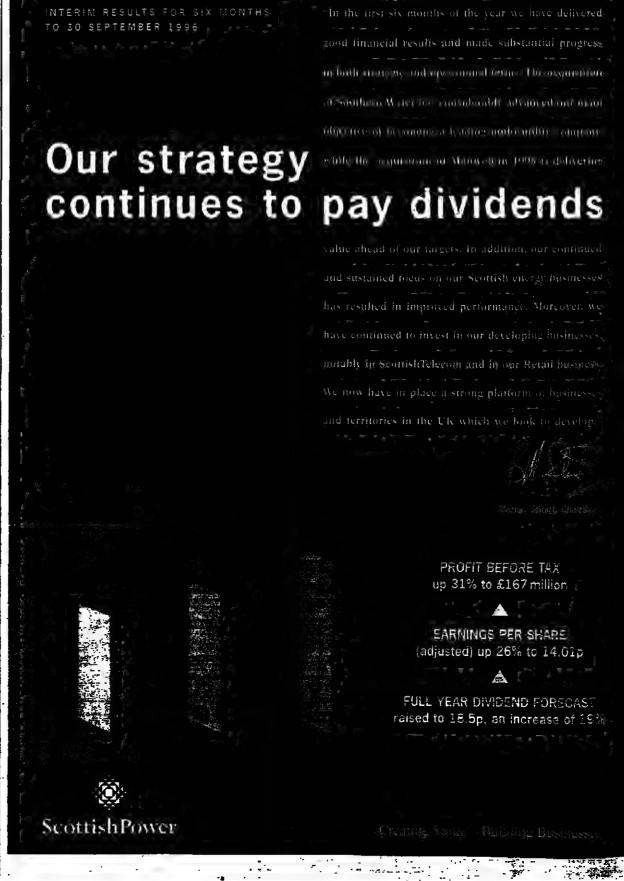
# **Enviromed board threat**

RON ZWANZIGER, the American biotech businessman, has staged a second attempt to gain control of Enviromed, the UK-listed healthcare company, through a motion to oust its entire board. Selicare, Mr Zwanziger's US-based medical services group, has used its 28.9 per cent of Environmed's voting shares to demand the dismissal of Tom Murphy. chief executive, and the three other board members. Environmed's shares closed 'ap stronger yesterday at 24 ap.



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seem to get longer and longer. Bass's full-year statement yes-terday weighed in at 27 pages—

and still barely a mention of the

Reticence is understandable

because these are delicate days

for the purchase of half of

went last week to Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade,

and are thought to be damning.

It is now up to Mr Lang whether to require Bass to negotiate terms and conditions with a hostile Office of Fair Trading, or

to throw the deal to the Monopo-lies and Mergers Commission. It will not be an easy decision, but

Mr Lang has only himself to blame. It had always been as-

sumed that a 25 per cent market

But he allowed that ceiling to be breached with Scottish & Newcastle's purchase of Cour-

age. That gave S&N 30 per cent, so raising the question of where

About 10 per cent of beer consumed in Britain is imported

the limit should now be set.

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# ☐ MMC beckons for beer merger ☐ Whistle-blowers may regret their altruism ☐ Taking the cost out at Southern

# Lang's hand at the pump

main question on investors' minds, whether the company will be allowed to become Britlegally, and more is smuggled in across the Channel. Supporters of further consolidation say there is enough choice to prevent exploitation. The brewers share Carisberg-Tetley, which would give Bass control of two-fifths of of each pint accounts for only about 25p anyway, leaving little British beer production. The Office of Fair Trading's views leeway for huge price rises. Most developed countries have only two big brewers, such duopolies being the natural market structure for low-price, high-volume

consumer products. The rest of the brewing in-dustry is dead against Bass's expansion plans. S&N would prefer to remain top dog; the small regionals and the new pub operators fear any greater power won by the majors.

This all stems from the changed nature of the British pub, as brought about by the pub sales forced on the majors by the Government's 1989 Beer Orders. They were deprived of the easy living provided by all that cap-tive estate, while the purchasers provided extra competition.

The result was that the price of beer outpaced inflation, but pubs in general improved. The returns available from brewing fell, and several smaller brewers quit the

The Carlsberg deal would leave more than four-fifths of production in the hands of three players. Bass was saying yesterday that it would walk away if the terms struck were too onerous - say the disposal of every pub or brand. It will not come to that. The most likely outcome is an MMC inquiry, the timetable of the Carlsberg deal even allow-ing for this, to decide under what circumstances Bass can achieve its aims. That is, after all, what the MMC is there for.

## How fraudsters evade the net

□ WHEN two Far East banks blew the whistle recently, they were left wishing they had been less public spirited. The accountholder they suspected sued for \$300 million, saying the freezing of his accounts had blocked a big PENNINGTON



business deal. Never mind that he was already standing trial for alleged fraud.
The case, more suited to the

bizarre reaches of the American legal system, was cited at the second annual international fraud conference in London as an example of the barriers to successful prosecution. Senior fraud squad officers are increasingly frustrated at the lack of progress, bordering on government indifference.

One who has put his head above the parapet is William Taylor, Commissioner for the City of London Police and chairman of the Association of Chief

Citigate to

join stock

market

CITIGATE Communications Group, the financial public relations and market-

ing firm, is to join the stock

market through a reverse

takeover by Incepta, a small-

er but quoted sales promo-tion and direct marketing

company (Morag Preston writes).

Incepta's all-share deal will value Citigate at about

David Wright, Citigate's

chief executive, will hold the

same post at the enlarged

business, while Graham

Green, Incepta's chief execu-

tive, will be Mr Wright's

deputy. Citigate's cilents include

Granada, JP Morgan Worldwide, UBS in New

Incepta will finance its

purchase by issuing up to

133 million shares. The size

of the deal prompted

Incepta to suspend trading

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Police Officers' crime committee. His complaint is that there is no specific offence of fraud on the statute book.

Fraudsters operate in as many as half a dozen jurisdictions. The police must prove the case separately in each to stand a chance of securing a conviction in the UK alone. If the case falls down anywhere, the chances are that once again the person walks, very often to enjoy the proceeds of his crimes.

So juries are having to con-sider complicated and, in many cases, inappropriate charges false accounting, making misleading statements, or conspiracy to defraud. The police want a single charge on the books; the opportunity may come soon in the form of a European Union initiative.

A convention, shortly to be ratified by heads of government, allows for a common definition what constitutes EU fraud to be translated into the criminal laws of member states. The convention might be usefully

extended to any jurisdiction, for the first time putting the offence of fraud where it belongs — on

## Scotch and water a powerful brew

statute books internationally.

THERE are only two reasons why one utility should want to buy another. One is to abuse even greater monopoly power and no one would want to do that, would they? The other is to sack large numbers of people and use the resulting cost sav-ings to boost profits. ScottishPower has shown itself

well down the second track at

Southern Water, Much was made at the time of the bid this summer of the benefits to customers, opportunities for crossselling, eventual supermarket shopping for all utility needs, and so on. But the City had been looking for annual cost savings from Southern of more than 640 million; the company has forecast £52 million. As much as £50 million of reorganisation costs were feared at Southern: they came in at £21 million.

Small wonder the shares, lousy performers since the bid was first mooted, rebounded yesterday. Merrill Lynch has set a target of £4 a share, back above where they were in the spring. They will probably get there. All this is not bad for a company lucky to exist in its current form.

With all the takeover bids now being kicked to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, it is as well the Scots started their buying spree before utilities take-overs were declared a political

## Head spinning

SIGN of the times: Citigate, the amiable financial spin doctor, sorry, the "diversified communications and marketing group", has been sold for 15 in the street of the str times' forecast earnings. This requires it to stick around for that length of time, or at least to show further rapid growth be-fore anything goes wrong. Why does this sort of price make one so nervous? Could it be because Citigate was created eight years ago out of one of those ghastly schisms to which such people businesses are so vulnerable?

# Carlton targets pay-TV as next area of growth

CARLTON Communications, the ITV company with the Central and London weekday franchises, said yesterday that it will target the pay-TV market as its next growth area.

Carlton's strategy to focus on subscription channels was unveiled one week after it paid £85 million for Westcountry Television, the ITV company in Devon and Cornwall. The deal made it the largest ITV company and left it with little room to expand in the com-mercial broadcasting market. Office of Fair Trading guidelines prevent TV companies from controlling more than 25 per cent of total TV airtime sales. This stopped Cariton from launching takeover bids for larger players, such as

channels should not be seen as competitors: they are complementary businesses. Free television is driven by the need to deliver mass audiences to subscribers, pay TV by the need to sign up subscribers.



Michael Green, chairman, Michael Green reported a 20 per cent increase in profit said: "Free and pay-television markets." Carlton has already

launched two pay channels, Carlton Select and Carlton Food Network on cable in new subscription services in France, India and Singapore Cariton wants to establish a Cariton would not provide significant presence in both details of its plans for the

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sector, other than to say that it intends to produce programming as well as operate pay-TV channels.

Analysts said that Carlton has to go beyond the ITV market if it wants to expand in television. But they noted that pay-TV channels on their own

deliver only relatively small audiences because of their specialised nature.

Carlton reported a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £295 million, in the year to September 30, on turnover of £1.68 billion, up 6 per cent. Earnings per share were 31.6p, up 21 per cent. The results were in line with

Strong growth in the non-TV businesses were behind the rise. Operating income in the core TV division grew just 5 per cent, to £123 million, because of soft advertising sales. A turnround is expected. The biggest gains were in the film division, which processes and cleans films and makes copies of films for cinemas. It reported a 27 per cent rise in operating profits. to £52.7 million. The products division, which makes editing systems, was up 33 per cent to

The final dividend of 6.72p, to be paid April 7, makes a total dividend of 11.1p, up 17.5

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# Kingfisher hails autumn success

By Sarah Cunningham

KINGFISHER, the Woolworths to B&Q retailing group, yesterday revealed strong autumn sales figures that bode well for a prosperous Christmas. In the three months to

November 2, like-for-like sales in the group — excluding shops opened since last year — rose 7.5 per cent. Total sales, including new shops, were 13 per cent ahead at £1.3 billion.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, hailed the figures as encouraging and said they were "achieved in competitive markets where value for money is crucial to the customer".

Many City analysts were persuaded by the sales figures to increase their forecasts for pre-tax profit this year. UBS added £15 million to £370 million and Hoare Govett raised its forecast £10 million to £380 milion.

Comet. the out-of-tow electricals retailer, was the group's best performer, lifting like-for-like sales 14 per cent to £161 million.

B&Q, the do-it-yourself chain, was helped by the buoyant housing market and increased its sales 12.7 per cent to £366 million. Superdrug's sales rose 5.4 per cent to £166 million. The company said Superdrug's move away from household and food products and into health and beauty is

continuing successfully. Woolworths sales for the period were 9.4 per cent ahead, to £324 million. The company has modernised 117 stores around the country, and those stores saw sales rise by an average 22 per cent.

The only blot on Kingfisher's copybook was Darty, the French electricals market leader, where like-for-like sales grew just 0.4 per cent to £286 million. Kingfisher shares rose 1 2 p to 654p.

# TLG blames European conditions

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

TLG, the lighting group, yes-terday blamed difficult market conditions across Europe as it unveiled a 27 per cent fall in interim profits to £8.3 million. TLG said in September that half-time profits to September 30 would be £8-£8.5 million (£11.4 million).

Hamish Bryce, chairman expects profit improvement programmes to give savings of around £1.5 million in the second haif. In the first half, UK operating profit fell from £4.6 million to £2.8 million while in the rest of Europe is fell from £5.9 million to £4.3 million.

New contracts won included the relighting of Prague airport, tunnel lighting in Croatia and for the Great Belt Bridge in Denmark, the world's longest suspension

Fully diluted earnings per share were 2.9p (4p). The interim has been held at L Tempus, page 28 | payable on February 14.

# **US** shareholder buys Ashbourne

BY ERIC REGULY

AN AMERICAN company became the second largest nursing home group in Britain yesterday with the purchase of Ashbourne.

Sun Healthcare of New Mexico, through Exceler, its British subsidiary, agreed to pay 177p a share for the 70.6 per cent of Ashbourne that it does not already own. The offer values Ashbourne at 195

The offer represents a pre-mum of almost 30 per cent to Ashbourne's share price on November 22, when Ashbourne revealed it was in bid talks. The shares closed up 14p

acquisition comes shortly after Sun Healthcare agreed to pay £13.5 million for

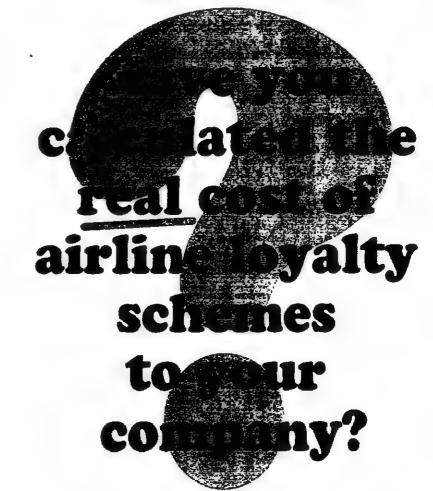
Apta, another British nursing

Exceler, Ashbourne and Apta together will have 6,800 beds; only Takare will be Bob Woltil, Sun's chief fi

nancial officer, said the com-

pany did not expect to make another acquisition in the short to medium term. "We've reached our immediate goal, which was to achieve a significant position in the UK market," he said.

The group will now concentrate on putting the three companies together and building new nursing homes. The enlarged group will be based in Glasgow and Eton and will



travelling executives were choosing flights which earned maximum points rather than sticking to airlines offering the most economic flights

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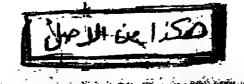
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# Swiss rush for CU sh revives takeover rum

AN avalanche of Swiss buying sent shares of Commercial Union climbing close to the year's high. The shares again came under the takeover spotlight and by the close of business almost four million shares had changed hands.

The price advanced 812p to 66912p, just 8p shy of its peak. The high turnover raised a few cyebrows with market-makers, who only normally quote a price in 50,000 shares at a time. It was also the origin of the buying which attracted attention. Much of it was Swiss, Commercial Union has been tipped as a takeover target for years. Allianz, the German insurer, is a name often mentioned. Last night Allianz refused to comment.

Yesterday BAT Industries was added to the list after reports suggesting that the group had abandoned plans to hive off its financial services arm, which includes Eagle Star, Farmers in the US and Allied Hambro, from its tobacco interests.

BAT Industries retreated 312p to 469p on those reports. The City would be pleased to see such a demerger. Brokers are worried about continuing litigation in the US relating to phaceo related diseases which has helped to depress the price this year. It has dropped from

a peak of 585p. The bloodbath that had been anticipated in London after the overnight sell-off in York failed to materialise. In the face of heavy falls in the gilts market, the FT-SE 100 index actually put up some stiff resistance. Down 23 points, at one stage, it reduced the deficit to 16.3 at 4,045.2 by the close. This was in spite of renewed losses for the Dow Jones average in New York morning trading.

ICI rose 1312p to 77612p on the back of some positive comments from NatWest Securities, the broker. The US chemical group Dupont has raised the price of titanium dioxide. ICI is also a big

Ashbourne jumped 14p to 175p on news of the agreed bid from Sun Healthcare 177p a share.

LLoyds TSB firmed 112p to 42412p in a falling market upgrade from HSBC James Capel, the broker. Capel has cut its forecast for Albright & Wilson after the group announced it had lost a major customer. The shares ended



TGI's Nigel Hamilton and Peter Russell, finance director, saw shares mark time after an increase in half-year profits

There was a late sell-off in British Aerospace with the orice dropping 2812p to EII.2112 on news that the French Government had suspended the privatisation of Thomson. This follows the decision of the Privatisation Committee to reject the choice of Lagardere as preferred bidder for the group. British

to dispose of a number of

A bullish trading update from Kingfisher, the Comet and Woolworth stores group, was rewarded with a rise of 112p at 654p. Third-quarter sales had grown 7.5 per cent, which pleased analysts who immediately began upgrading their full-year estimates. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the bro-

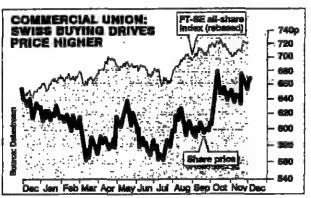
Heavy turnover was noted in British Steel, up 14 p at 1644 p, with almost five million shares changing hands. Brokers say there is a short position in the options market which needs to be covered before expiry of the December series. There is also some talk that the group may be close to selling its aluminium operations.

Aerospace had teamed up with Lagardere to bid for Thomson.

Racal Electronics continued to recover from Monday's profits warning and subsequent profits setback on Tuesday. The shares ended the session 7p better at 243p. LucasVarity also firmed 3120 to 23712p. The group is shedding 3,000 jobs and plans

ker, has raised its forecast by £10 million to £380 million. Williams Holdings rose 5p to 34412p after giving details of 15 management buyouts within the group which should raise an estimated £360 million. The group hinted it was keen to move into security. Speculators took the view it might bid for Chubb Security.

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Full-year figures from Bass showing pre-tax profits 12 per cent\_higher\_at\_E671 million were in line with City expectations. The group intends to invest £670 million during the next year, creating an extra 7,000 jobs. The strong pound cost the group £700,000. The

shares rose 2p to 813p. TGI, the electronic equipment group led by Nigel Hamilton, chief executive, marked time at 113p despite reporting a useful increase in pre-tax profits during the first six months of the year. The figure was up from £811,000 to

Share purchases by several directors lifted On Demand Information by 5p to 571ap. Graham Poulter, chairman, has bought a further 22,500 shares at 55p lifting his total holding to 22.7 million, or 41.25 per cent. David Storey, finance director, has increased his holding by 2,500 shares to

☐ GILT-EDGED: A luke warm response to the short auction undermined sentiment in an already depressed bond market. The issue of £2.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was just 1.7 times oversubscribed, a poor response to a short-duted issue. In futures the March series

of the long gilt dropped E1146 to close at £1101932 as a total of 59,000 contracts were completed

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# French in retreat

But the depressing effect of

the extra cash rules out much

growth in earnings next year. Williams would be

right to remind the market

that earnings per share is

signed to the same bin as the

yesterday's obses

bidder. However, free markets become a nightmare if you introduce a separate agenda -and so it is proving across the Channel. The French Government would like to sell Thomson, the consumer and defence electronics group. Heavily indebted, the group controls Thomson-CSF, the defence electrones business, which makes money and forms part of the elaborate jigsaw puzzle that is the European defence industry. Unfortunately it

making television maker. link Thomson-CSF into a defence alliance. Alcatel was interested and is linked to

also owns Thomson Multimedia, a loss-

THE trouble with free markets is that they work. Capital pursues profit, prices go down as well as up and the asset sells to the highest which has a missiles joint to the fightest for Lagardère which has a missiles joint wenture with British Aerospace. Needless to Britain's GEC but the Govenment plumped say, neither Lagardère nor Alcatel has any interest in a dud French TV manufacturer and Lagardere quickly signed up Daewoo to take it off their hands.

So what began as a tentative attempt to sort our the messy patchwork quilt of European defence companies became a battle to secure jobs at Thomson Multimedia. Having retreated from train drivers and truckers, the French Government finds it easy to prop up a dying consumer electronics industry. Within this policy mess, it is difficult to see how GEC or Two separate bids emerged, both with British Aerospace will ever assemble a Euro-foreign interests attached and both keen to pean defence contractor capable of taking on British Aerospace will ever assemble a Eurothe Americans. Unfortunately, at the Elysee Palace, the agenda is more parochial.

to invest fairly rapidly or return value to shareholders.

buying businesses, having

spent some £230 million

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yesterday that it is in a

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Williams is no slouch at

## Williams

NOT a few quoted companies would feel privileged to own peripheral businesses such as those that Williams Holdings has shuffled off for E360 million. Brands puch as Rawiplug may be household Williams that is too parochial and the company would rather be in products that also sell well in China.

The sale was well flagged but Williams strove hard to use the occasion to correct any impression that it was not adding value. A net internal rate of return of 13 per cent for capital is probably 10 to 11 per cent is impressive, not least given the recent weakness in the housing market.

If Williams is getting much better returns in its core businesses of fire protection and security, the share

conglomerate. Nevertheless, if it is to remain as efficient sold it is now on the expenan investor as it showed itself. sive side of the bargain. MORE SECURITY OVERSEAS

rating is probably too low. to be yesterday, it will have

### Carlton

MICHAEL GREEN, boss of Carlton Communications, may not be the biggest dealmaker in the TV industry. but it is not for lack of trying. tism, has held him back. As much as he would have loved to tuck MAI and HTV into his portfolio, he was simply unable to get around the restriction that prevents any ITV company from control ling more than 25 per cent of

advertising: Cariton is now trying to make a virtue out of necessity. With the recent purchase of tiny Westcountry Television, it has gone as far as it can go in commercial broadsion will be in cable, satellite and digital pay-TV. With the arrival of so-called multi-channel television, pay channels are proliferating. Yet these specialised services will not be a goldmine; they count

cannot rely on this market alone to keep its growth rates

The company has other businesses, such as film processing and the production of pre-recorded videos, and they are expanding smartly. But these businesses are smaller than the core TV division and their growth rates are bound to level off sooner or later. Carlton is simply running out of room in its home market. Until it secures a wider market outside the UK, its 20 per cent growth rates cannot be assured.

## Kingfisher

Kingfisher can always count as the enfant terrible. And the side down in public, Happily, yesterday's third-quar-ter trading figures were strong enough overall to al-low a little bit of bad behavfour from the French side of the family. Darty, to be. Christmas spending binge.

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lem child, is now the model student. It has taken full advantage of a sharp upswing in do-it-yourself spending and yesterday emerged with like for like sales.

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Comet's organic sales growth of 13.9 per cent looks impressive and demonstrates that Dixons is not mopping up all the spare consumer cash, but Comet is rising from a very low base,

Even Woolworth — the maiden aunt who usually only comes to life at Christmas - had a strong third quarter, thanks to quarter. modernised stores.

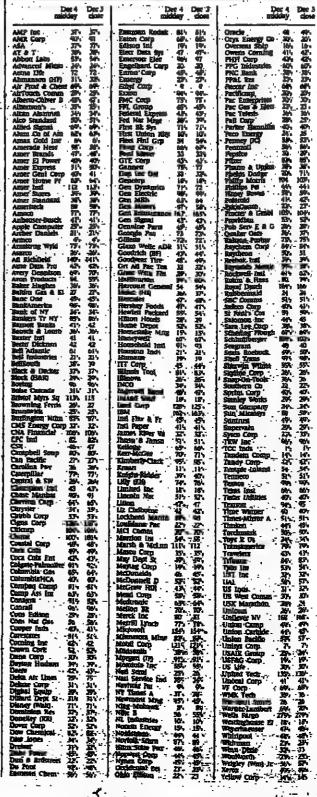
This leaves Darty, the LIKE an unruly family. French electricals company, plagued with strikes and high unemployment, 0.4 per cent sales growth is not a bad showing. All in all, cheering news; the Kingfisher family is ready for a long-awaited

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The notice issued the day after the Budget

was cagily headed "Government offers to

pay legal costs in NBC pensions case". Via the usual written parliamentary question.

Sir George Young Transport Secretary, offered public funds (within limits) to pay the legal costs of National Bus Company

pension fund trustees, should they wish to ask the High Court whether the Government should repay the surplus from an NBC pension fund. That surplus is now reckoned to be worth £200 million.

The letter conveying Sir George's offer gives the game away. It is sent from the

Department of Transport, Marsham Street, to Andrew Murray, chief trustee, care of the

Department of Transport, Marsham Street.

Mr Murray is a senior DoT civil servant,

one of whose duties was to act as trustee for

National Bus was the state-owned Eng-lish bus network. Between 1985 and 1988, it

was privatised in an unusual way. NBC was broken into 80 small pieces, many sold

to management for peanuts. The pension

funds and the company were wound up in

the long-defunct fund.

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## US accolade for Lloyd's

A CHANGE of heart from across the pond, where David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, has been hailed "insurance leader of the year". A number of British companies have been invited to join the board of trustees at The College of Insurance at a celebratory dinner on January 30 in New York. What a turnround to hear the US commend a chairman of Lloyd's of London for his "outstanding leadership in meeting the chal-lenges of rebuilding and renewing Lloyd's". Makes a change from all the

THE latest person to leave Panmure Gordon since Panmure Gordon since the takeover by West-deutsche Landesbank is Christopher Wilkinson. The former joint head of corporate finance is on gardening leave, as of last Friday, before he heads off to join Kleinwort Benson.

## Sack on offer

BROWN & ROOT, responsible for the Ealing refuse service, ran away with the "Scrooge of the Year" award yesterday from the GMB union. The US company carned the accolade after presenting 400 refuse collectors with the choice of a £1,500 pay cut, or the sack. So far, the GMB has distributed 100,000 bright orange refuse sacks to Ealing residents - with the slogan "Sack Brown & Root not a GMB Santa Clause will pick up tomorrow.



'Says here you're creating 7,000 new jobs"

## **Buttoned** up

A MARRIAGE made in ... Angels & Bermans has bought Wig Creations for about £100,000. Since 1836, Angels has been providing costumes for theatre productions, and latterly for makers of TV programmes and films, while Wig Creations topped off the cast of Star Wars. The two companies are expected to join hands under one roof. at the central office of Angels in Cambridge Cir-

## How we tick

YET another lengthy questionnaire languly dus-tionnaire lands on my desk, this time from Image Survey International. In its quest for "a vital British point of view", the market research company that is owned by Taloustukimus Oy, based in Finland, offers a strange reward for filling in the numerous boxes. I am still deliberating whether to go for the information pack on the traditions of the sauna, accompanied with genuine Finnish sauna soap, or the traditional Finnish ligonberry conserve, fresh from Finland's green

Money men from Warburgs, Merrill Lynch, Salomons and Credit Lyonnais, to name but a hungry few, turned up in a state of high anticipation to last night's investor evening at Berkeley Playhouse. The coyly named table dancing club. London's first, has been inundated with cheques. Be warned — rolls of film from the Dover Street event are already in

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### By George, a £200m court case A for the High Court. In it, the Government will sue itself in the hope that it can get out of a ruling made by its own watchdog. The Government's higher purpose is to save taxpayers' money. threatens company pensions If it wins - or should that read loses - it will heroically keep down the pensions of 80,000 relatively low-paid workers, many of whose working lives it has already wrecked

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1990-91, when the DoT took over residual assets and liabilities.

As we now know, the bus experiment was largely a waste of time and public money. The pieces were to inhabit a bright new world of free and wholesome competition. Instead, a handful of monopolistic firms have painstakingly been put back together by takeover bids or failures, thanks occasionally to behaviour that a fed-up Monopolies and Mergers Commission once described as "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest".

If taxpayers got a bad deal, bus workers fared worse. Over eight years, the MMC found that bus drivers' pay fell an average 12 per cent in real terms. The National Audit Office found that proceeds of privatisation were so low that the biggest return came from the Government pocketing the surpluses on NBC pension funds. No wonder Francis Wheeler, a Lancashire busworker since retired on £170 a month, complained to the former ombudsman in 1991 after the DoT pocketed £168 million. In September this year Julian Farrand, the new ombudsman, directed the trustees "to take, without delay, all practicable steps



to obtain the return of monies paid from the scheme's fund in breach of trust" plus interest. There is no appeal from the ombudsman except on a point of law. Mr Murray asked the DoT for its proposals. He

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did not receive a cheque by return. Normally, in such a case, Dr Farrand would direct the company or employer to pay up. The DoT would then have had a month to appeal. But the ombudsman only received that power in April 1991, a month after Mr Wheeler's complaint. So the Government has arranged to take an action

the Official Solicitor, in what Sir George hopes will be "as co-operative and speedy manner as possible". Oddly, this prevents the ombudsman from defending his judgment as party to the case.

Why appoint a watchdog or regulator if you do not accept his findings, as ministers constantly advise business people to do? Perhaps the Treasury thinks that Dr Farrand, though secrningly a sound man, became crazed with his powers and set himself up as a Robin Hood of the pensions forest. But no. Dr Farrand was appointed because of his previous record as insurance ombudsman. Peter Lilley, Social Services Secretary, wanted an active champion at a time when confidence in occupational pensions was at a dismal low.

The ombudsman complained in his last annual report of rising delays and expense because too many people were appealing, no doubt on the advice of the lawyers whose opinions his rulings rejected. There are 44 court appeals outstanding. Sir George now says "the department's accounting officer would need to know conclusive reasons for making the payment". If an ombudsman's direction is not enough authority to pay public money, anyone in the private sector will surely be advised not to meet an award

before appealing. Like many a grasping 1980s employer, the Government just wants the surplus. People are being paid secure pensions, rails Sir George. Why should they also get "the windfall, from public money, that repay-

ment of the surplus would represent?" Dr Farrand's judgment explains why. When National Bus was broken up and the scheme wound up, ministers refused to guarantee members' pension rights in annuities purchased, even though actuaries said the fund had a healthy surplus. Instead, the state company board gave the trustees an ultimatum. It would stop contributions until the surplus disappeared, unless they settled for a slightly cheaper version of preserved benefits and changed the trust deed so that any surplus in a winding-up would go to the company instead of members. No one who has been one will be surprised that the trustees caved in to such heavy pressure. Dr Farrand ruled that NBC had breached its trust.

The ombudsman recently won a seem-ingly similar case over a Hillsdown pension scheme. Mr Justice Knox found that the company put undue pressure on trustees to change the rules so that it could pocket a surplus. Hillsdown merely damaged its already dim image. If the Government avoids repayment, the ultimate loser will be the occupational pension scheme move-

Philip Bassett analyses the issues at the first ministerial summit of the WTO in Singapore

# Free traders pursue the great prize

ters, their advisers and business org-anisation officials from around the world will today begin packing their bags to head for Singapore with the aim of setting clear priorities for global free trade. For British companies Singa-

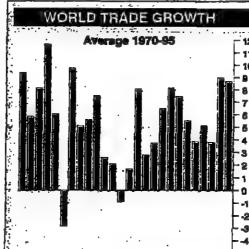
pore may seem more than half a world away from their own concerns. But Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, says: "Free trade is the essential underpinning. Open markets create opportunties for growth, investment and employment.

"They keep up the competitive pressure on firms and improve efficiency. They give exporting firms the potential to increase sales and to take advantage of economies of scale. At home, they mean lower prices. and greater choice."

Mr Lang, who faced close questioning on free trade in the Commons yesterday, will lead the UK's delegation to the first ministerial summit of the World Trade Organisation the international body provides for agreement on trade relations between 150 countries.

The WTO succeeded the and Trade (Gatt), but differs significantly from it. It is a permanent, fully staffed body, not just little more than a set of rules, it also has a wider remit. covering areas such as services and intellectual property as well as trade in goods. Based in Geneva, the WTO

was formed on January 1 last year as one of the outcomes of the seven-year "Uruguay round" of trade talks. It continued the pattern since Gatt was set up in 1947 of reducing trade.



protection at borders by cutting

tariffs. The Urugusy round is

set to lead to a 40 per cent cut in

developed countries' tariffs on

industrial production. While

the Uruguay round barely

touched some key areas like

agricultural protectionism, its

inclusion of services is seen as vital, and UK ministers like Mr

Lang are fond of making far-

years after its completion, its

effect could boost world trade

by up to 24 per cent, and world

incomes by more than \$500

In overall terms, as the

illustrations indicate, world

trade has over the past decade

grown faster than world out-

put, fuelled by trade liberalis-

ation and particularly the dev-

elopment of regional liberalis-

ation arrangements, such as the European single market -

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billion annually.

tious liberalisation package in before setting new goals." CBI the world. While both the IMF leaders are wary about the is not obtainable, ministers be-

objectives already flagged by

Mr Lang: a new work pro-

gramme for the WTO, a new

trade round at the end of the

century, to be completed by

2010, and full global free trade

by 2020. Business leaders

believe that such specific dates

may prove counterproductive

world trade negotiations.

and the OECD are forecasting

a fall in world trade growth this

year, they see it accelerating

modestly next year and after.

Singapore will see a number of clashes, but a fundamental

one is between countries which

want to see a consolidation of

the Uruguay round, and others

Britain is divided: the Govern-

Mr Lang says: "Some coun-tries have said that the diges-tion of the Uruguay round res-

uits is all they can cope with. I

want to make very clear that

that is not enough. We must drive the agenda forward." But

in a strategy paper to the Government, the CBI said: "Business needs pragmatic lib-

eralisation, which means cons-

olidating existing achievements

business wants to hold fire.

substantial work programme argue that a political declara-

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new liberalising agreement on information technology. Britain wants to see two other outcomes: progress on talks to liberalise basic telecomset to conclude in February, and no progress at all on what is likely to be the most contentious issue at Singapore: inter-

lieve that the WTO conference

will build on President Clin-

ton's recent deal with 18 Asia

Pacific countries and strike a

accept that little immediate progress towards these goals will be national labour standards. First raised by the US, with made in Singapore, though in a the support of the European pre-Singapore conference to-Union, as far back as 1987, the day Mr Lang will highlight the kind of liberalisation that he idea of a social clause, under which trade deals and sanctions would be linked to miniwould like the world to emulate, such as privatisation. But mum employment standards. Britain will press hard in is highly controversial. Singapore on a number of

Those in favour, including the US, Norway and the EU,

tion on minimum labour standards is vital to maintain support for a system of multilateral trade in industrialised countries where many employees feel under threat from foreign low-wage competition. Countries against, including India, Indonesia. Malavsia

and the UK, all believe that their inwer labour costs givi them a comparative advantage

Yeoh Chow Tong, Singapore's Trade Minister, who will chair the conference, says that, unresolved, the issue could become "a stumbling block to progress on all other issues". Even compromise proposals, promoted by the EU among others, for a working party on the issue now seem unlikely to be accepted. In Britain, where organisations like Oxfam support a working party, some

on it, such as C&A, J Sainsbury

and Body Shop.
If Labour is elected, Britain's stance may change, Stuart Bell, Labour's Shadow Trade Minister, said: "If we win, that will change the balance of power in the EU, and from that in the WTO." An internal Labour document. New Labour and the WTO, makes dear that Labour will push for a social clause - but not at the expense of introducing covert protec-tionism for industrialised

way from the thorny social issues, British WTO to emulate the OECD's work on international investment rules, with Japan also backing moves to ensure that outside firms get similar treatment to national investors in all WTO member countries.

Other vexed issues include trade and the environment, American feet-dragging over financial services and slow progress on textiles and agriculture. WTO members are also anguishing over the growth of bilateral regional trade arimpact of new WTO members. such as China, Taiwan and

Business in Britain is cautious about "overstretching" the WTO, insisting to the Government that the WTO's work must be "realistic and achieveable". Singapore will see some hard talking, tough bargaining and devious manipulating as countries angle for positions. As Mr Lang says: "The pursuit of free trade is never easy. But

# Adding a touch of fizz to the Christmas office party

The office Christmas party is the boss's chance to thank his staff en masse. Outside the office, however, colleagues can be at their most

A tray of indifferent vol-auvents, or a three-course meal with mundane conversation, is meagre fuel for a successful next year. So, in a desperate bid to win loyalty, companies are taking every opportunity to make sure that theirs is a night to remember.

Twenty four hours after the news of Nick Leeson's huge losses broke, Barings was on the phone to Planit Events, the London party organiser, to confirm that its Christmas party would go ahead.

Simmons & Simmons, NatWest Markets, Coopers & Lybrand, Charterhouse, Société Générale and Merrill Lynch have since followed suit, hosting staff parties on the site of the former Spitalfields market. Rum by Will and Di Bailey, a husband and wife team, this year's party theme is Venetian masquerade. "It's like going to a play — it's extremely theatrical." Mr Bailey says.

Selling the idea of hosting a party for 1.500 on the site of a former market as opposed to the comfort of one of the Park Lane hotels was not easy. Venues like these have a reputation — if anything goes wrong they can easily blame the hotel," says Mr Bailey, who organised a May Ball for 1,700 during his student days at Circnester. Numbers excite me, they never frighten me." he boasts after 15 years celebrating the festive season at the Grosvenor House. He puts down the success of

his parties to their widespread

Morag Preston checks out the

scenes and themes for a bash



Companies are keen to ensure party night is one to remember

appeal. "It all sounds great that you're going to put the chairman next to the postboy and that they're going to get on for two hours over dinner," he says. "But by the time the dancing starts, they're in no mood to enjoy themselves, so they go to the bar, have far too much to drink, and then you get problems." Instead, Planit spends £150.000 every season,

setting up bars, buffets, entertainers, dodgems and dance floors. Guests are whizzed by taxi from work to marquee and a welcoming glass of buck's fizz. Some head straight for the dodgeros. "They're a wonderful ice-breaker, " says Mr Bailey, adding that John Bolsover, then Baring chief executive, could not be prised from them. Planit's events are

guests are fed (3,000 chickens season) and can help themselves to any amount of wine or beer (6,000 gallons a season). There is also a pay bar for those who prefer spirits.

Occasionally a gatecrasher or "ruffian" has to be ejected. One excited employee climbed a palm tree at an Arabian Nights party and tried to set it ight. Worst of all, says Mr Bailey, was the year that a company forgot to deliver the beer for a party for De Beers; it Increasing the tax limit for staff entertainment from £50 to £75 last year has made an enormous difference, says Mr Bailey. "It gives us a lot more scope and companies have a lot more choice." So far themes have included pantomime and circus. Treasure Island is pencilled in for next year.

Between November 28, and December 20, Planit Events will host a party every night. In February it will start taking bookings for next year.

By the millennium, the Baileys hope to be catering for parties of a quarter of a million people; they are opening a site half a mile from Liverpool Street station.

Since the company started at the end of the recession. organising parties for about 800 people, it has watched the competition creep up. Christmas Events, The Ultimate Experience, and Elegant Days, whose themes have included The Night it Snowed in Rio" and Gatecrash the Kremlin", all organise gigantic office get-togethers.

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# Williams completes disposals

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS. the diversified industrial group. has completed its disposal programme with the £360 million sale of 15 UK building products businesses, including well-known brands such as Rawiplug and Swish.

The sale will eliminate Williams' net borrowings, and a substantial acquisition spree now looks likely.

The businesses sold off include Amdega and Valor gas fires as well as Rawlplug and Swish. They have been acquired by a management buyout backed by a venture capital team led by Candover Investments.

The sale will result in an exceptional profit of £90 million. Williams is to reinvest £57 million in the group, and will retain a 26 per cent stake in the new company, which is

Roger Carr, Williams chief executive, said the deal had achieved an excellent price. "It represents an exit multiple of

17 times and 1.4 times sales. The disposal, which had been expected, completes Williams' restructuring Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman of Williams, said: "The sale clearly demonstrates our commitment to focusing on businesses with international potential."

The 15 businesses, which employ 3,000 people, last year generated sales of £266 million with profits before tax of £32 million.

Mike Davies, a main board director of Williams, is heading the management buyout. On completion of the deal, he said 70 senior managers will have a combined stake of 15 per cent. The venture capital group, which is investing £55 million. will hold 59 per cent. Mr Carr ruled out further disposals. City analysts praised the deal but trimmed their 1997 profit forecasts to around £250

million. Williams shares

closed up 5p at 344 p.

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Alan Elliot, chairman of Blick, is retaining plans for £2m spending on organic growth

# Blick at slowest for six years

BY PRISER NELSON

materialise in the year to September 30. This left pre-

tax profits only 8 per cent up

at £15.3 million on sales 13 per

THE absence of an autumn boom held back profits at Blick, which assembles clocking systems, radio pagers and security cameras, resulting in the slowest growth rate for six years. Blick said that no

makes 14p for the year (13p). The City had expected slightly improvement was imminent. worse after Blick's profits The company, chaired by Alan Elliot, said the sales warning in October, and its surge which normally hap-pens in August failed to shares rose to 354p yesterday, from a four-year 349p low.

a first-time £1.57 million from PAC International, the swipe-card access company which cent up at £56.8 million. A final of 9.5p. due April 2. Blick bought for Ell.4 million in January. However, the money to fund the deal forced its total loan to £23 million (£12.4 million), taking gearing to 97 per cent. Blick stillplans a record £2 million spend on organic growth this year.

# Confident Vardon in shape

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

SHARES in Vardon, the leisure group, jumped 7½ p to 88p yesterday after the company revealed that second-half trading had exceeded expectations.

Vardon said that the health and fitness division had performed especially well but that all its businesses had benefited from the improvement in consumer confidence. Membership income from the health and fitness division, which includes the Metropolitan Clubs acquired for £40 million in July, rose 22 per cent.

The attractions division. which includes sites such as the London Dungeon and the National Sea Life Centre, enjoyed a 4 per cent increase in the number of visitors. Vardon said: 2 management was complete and it would be expanding the London Dungeon site now that Jubilee Line work had finished.

Admissions to the company's bingo clubs were flat, on a like-for-like basis, against a hackground of a general decline in the sector. Revenues rose 4 per cent and the company said that improvement in first-half performance had been maintained.

# Fisher nets P&O tankers for £38m

JAMES FISHER AND SONS, the shipping and port services company, is acquiring P&O Tankships Holdings, part of P&O's bulk shipping division for a total of £38.8 million. The consideration comprises a cash payment of El9-2 million and the assumption of debts of El9-6 million. The purchase will be partly funded by a one-for-one rights issue of new shares at 120p each. Existing shares were suspended at 145p yesterday, pending shareholder approval of the acquisition at an extraordinary meeting on. December 27.

In 1995 P&O Tankships, which operates 13 ships, earned operating profits of £2.6 million on turnover of £41.8 million. In the nine months to September 30, operating profits were \$2.64 million on turnover of £32.4 million. James Fisher has forecast a final dividend of 1.5p a share, lifting the total to 2.5p (2p). The company said that trading since the end of June had been encouraging.

# TGI increases dividend

PRE-TAX profits at TGI, the loudspeaker systems group, rose 24 per cent to El million in the half-year to September 30 and the interim dividend is increased to 1.15p from 1p. Earnings rose to 3.9p a share from 3.3p. The company, best known for its Tannoy speakers, said the launch of new products augured well for the peak Christmas selling season. TGI hopes to sign a contract to supply speakers to Pengeot, the French carmaker, shortly.

# Jobs boost in Newport

KYUSHU Matsushita Electric of Japan yesterday announced expansion plans at Newport, South Wales. The company is investing III million and creating 100 new jobs to make a new line of digitally enhanced mobile phones. The move will also safeguard the company's existing 110 workers, 100 jobs will also be created in the insurance sector in New March 1994 USPC Cibbs appropriate transition plans in Newport after HSBC Gibbs announced expansion plans

# Hadleigh up by 45%

HADLEIGH, a maker of industrial storage tanks, improved its interim pre-tax profits by 45 per cent to £953,000. Sales in £15.2 million. Operating profits of just short of £1 million represented an improved return on sales of 65 per cent. Hadleigh has net cash of £1.4 million, and is continuing to invest in its manufacturing facilities. The interim dividend, to be paid on January 10, rises 29 per cent to 2.25p a share.

# Victoria seeks to buy

VICTORIA Carpet Holdings, which makes Axminster carpets, reported a pre-tax profit of £2 million for the six months to September 30, a jump from only £22,000 last year. Most of the improvement came from a £1.8 million insurance payout on a fire at its Castlemaine spinning mill in Australia. Operating profits improved 10 per cent to \$400,000. The company is seeking acquisitions in the UK and expects borrowings to rise. There is no interim dividend.

# Leigh suffers decline

LEIGH INTERESTS, the waste management company, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £3.6 million from 64.2 million in the six months to September 28. The fall all the six months to September 28. The fall all the same seed of Leigh's Hartlepeol depot Turnover fell to 555 million from \$60.6 million and earnings per share were 3.6p a share (4.4p). Leigh will pay an unchanged interim dividend of 1.23p a share on January 30.

# Calluna rights issue

CALLUNA, the miniature disk drive manufacturer, is raising £4.7 million through a rights issue to fund the development of a new disk drive range. New shares are offered at 50p each, on the basis of two new shares for every 11 held. Existing shares fell 5p to 53 p yesterday. The company also reported an increase in losses to £2 million from £1.6 million in the half-year to September 30. Losses were 3.7p a share (2.9p loss). Again there is no interim dividend.



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# Bank on sound supervision

David Mallett points to a need for some forceful application by

supervisors of the banking rulebook

ust for now, banking sup-ervision is of more than usual interest, with the Governor of the Bank of England appearing before the Commons Treasury Committee as his supervisors roll out recommendations of the Arthur Andersen report and the review of banking supervision.

Twenty-five years ago, bank-ing supervision was a visit from a man in a top hat who asked a few questions. Ten years ago, the management of regulatory relationships would not have been high on a list of a bank's tasks. Today, they observe regulatory requirements punctilization and mask ously and seek constructive supervisory relationships.
I realised supervision was a

serious business soon after joining the Bank's embryonic supervisory team in 1975. But then, banking transactions were simpler, and there were organisational and management continuity, checks and balances and well-oiled procedures. Nevertheless, failures of the mid-1970s were a watershed, with bankers getting it so wrong that they not only lost their own bank but put

their country's system at risk. The changes at the Bank relate to supervisory stan-dards, processes and aims,

systematic risk assessment stronger supervisory tools, re-inforcing the supervisory team and quality assurance. The Deputy Governor got to

the heart of the process in the first issue of Financial Stability Review since the changes, saying: "Management competence is a crucial ingredient of sound banking: Supervisors must know senior management well enough to be able to make informed judgments about their competence. That cannot be done by rulebookbased examiners focusing on compliance."

He acknowledges that it risks charges of "cronyism, the cosy chats, the old school tie attitude" but in my experience there is none of that now and there was none during my time at the Bank. However, if this regulatory tool is to be used, the Bank must think hard about what is going on at the top of banks, The key is still the right top

team, the right direction and the right culture. However, recent articles in the Financial Regulator show that the debate about banking supervision is only beginning.

kets, globalisation, complex

guarded by secure payments systems and lower inter-bank risk but give up access to Thomes Hoenig argues that changes in the financial mar-



David Mallett shows the supervision debate is just beginning

new activities and financial traditional approach will not work. He suggests a two-tier system where those engaged in complex activities are safe-

depositor protection in return for less regulation. Regulators would concentrate on traditional banks, serving the wider

Michael Taylor offers four options: greater emphasis on assessing risk management systems; more emphasis on market disciplines, arising from greater disclosure: Mr Hoenig's radical approach underwriting banks with private sector "cross-guarantees".

Charles Goodhart records the expense of close and detailed supervision and that bank failures are generally not caused by the failed control mechanisms but the failure to operate them. He acknowledges the quality of management is crucial but suggests that because it is subjective and without objective measure, it is difficult for supervisors to condition their judgments on it. I am not sure that I agree.

Every chairman and every chief executive makes judg-ments about the quality of the board and top management. They remove poor performers and those unwilling to live by the company's risk appetite and controls. Perhaps then, the possibility of a forceful application by the supervisors of the Banking Act rules and its own guidelines and some courageous judgment calls, made by supervisors, could mean that the Bank would not have to return to the Treasury Committee to explain another bank failure.

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accounting technicians. It has been widely regarded as one of the profession's great successes. All six bodies are represented on its board. One of the representatives is Professor Mike Harvey, a past president of the certified accountants. Imagine the AAT's amazement when last week the certified accountants gave it a day's notice of the fact that it was going to set up a rival. "Unprofessional" is the least of the epithets that have been

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# Comparability and no fudge, please

THE revolution that has given us a report al fieldoms and a strange, and soon to be and accounts from two of the "Big Six" abandoned, "general partnership". accountancy firms was supposed to make things clearer. This week's publication of figures from Ernst & Young is a considerable improvement on the report produced by KPMG back in January.

However, what none of this has done is make the substance of the top accountancy

firms, as a group, clearer to the outside world. If anything, the picture is getting murkier. This year we have had something approaching full accounts from KPMG and E&Y, a glossy report with a few paragraphs of figures hidden away in the back from Coopers & Lybrand, basic fee-income figures from Arthur Andersen and from Deloitte & Touche, and a deathly silence and no figures of any sort from Price Waterhouse.

There are three pressures on firms to publish. The general expectation of the public is there. The Government has dropped hints that if it does come up with a formula to

allow limited liability partnerships, a quid pro quo would be full disclosure. And there is the third — and most compelling — reason, cited by Nick Land, E&Y's unfeasibly youthful senior partner. If you are effectively running a change manage ment programme within the firm and emphasising openness, you can hardly keep the financial figures secret. In the past, there was an annual league table for the "Big Six" and medium-size firms. It was rough and ready. Figures were restated to a common year-end. Peculiar inclusions and exclusions distorted them. And

they showed only fee income. There was no word on profitability. But once KPMG went public, the others decided to abandon the league table. So, if anything, we now have less information, certainly less comparable information. But these are early days. With firms such as Stoy Hayward and, tomorrow, Pannell Kerr Forster publishing figures too, the movement is on its way. Sooner rather

than later, all firms wanting a significant role in the market will publish full figures. We can only hope that, by then, someone will have sorted out a common basis for them to do so. E&Y was at pains to point out that its remuneration figures were much more truthful than those of KPMG earlier in the year because E&Y is an integrated national partnership, whereas KPMG still has region-

The result is that it is hard to compare E&Y and KPMG. Take remuneration. KPMG pulled in the consultant Heidrick & Struggles to calculate a notional executive remuneration figure, to which were added pensions contributions and "proprietorship profit". E&Y has, more simply, shown the profit share, the pension contribution and the interest partners receive on their capital in the firm. Even this hardly gives an accurate figure. Most partners, particularly younger ones, will have a net borrowing position on their capital in the firm. They will have borrowed around £100,000 from a bank and will be paying interest on it at, says Land, base rate plus one and a quarter points. The partnership pays interest back on this capital to partners of base rate plus one point. So, showing interest paid to partners alone does not tell the full story.

In E&Y, the bulk of the partners earned a basic profit share of £100,000 to £200,000.

The equivalent figure for KPMG was rather less. But that is largely because we are trying to compare apples with railway stations. You cannot make the sort of comparisons taken for granted in, say, the retail business.

One thing that is clear, though, is that the traditions of the firm continue. In the old Whinney Murray days, partnership earnings did not stretch from a hugely-paid senior partner down to a lowly-paid junior partner. There was a bunching of similarly-paid partners and no great disparity from top to bottom. That seems to be continuing. The figure for KPMG's senior partner, Col-in Sharman, of E740,000 is

quite dramatic against Nick Land's relatively

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modest £420,000. What is now needed is for as many of the other firms as possible to show a bit of courage and produce their own reports and accounts. The only way current confusion can be sorted out is by the normal process of any system of disclosure. The more information the outside world is shown, the better it will be analysed and understood. That process will shape the form and substance of future disclosures. Nick Land said: "We have sought to fudge nothing." which is an unusual thing for an accountant to say. With future changes in legal structures for professional firms and change looming on litigation, it is a principle that other senior partners will have to embrace.

## Innovation in citation

AT THE launch of Ernst & Young's report and accounts there was much talk of its new global initiative called "Audit Innovation". This is due to be rolled out to clients next year. But a few have already been used as guinea pigs. One of these was cited by E&Y's senior partner, Nick Land, at the results presentation. "For the first time I have seen 'added value' from auditors who until now I had seen as an essential

cost of doing business," ran the quote from the UK managing director of Hilton International. Could this chap be any relation to Hilton's executive vice-president for development, one David Wilson, who until a few years back was an E&Y partner?

Surplice account THERE can be few accoun-

in the House of Lords in the aftermath of a Budget speech. Step forward reluctant thespian Tony de Guingand, Liffe's director of finance. He appeared as the Franciscan monk, Luca Pacioli, the inventor of double-entry bookkeeping, in a play devised by Robert Bittlestone, the managing director of Metapraxis, for the consultancy's Christmas party. It was a lively perfortants who could claim to have

appeared in a makeshift play

mance though we still don't understand why a monk appeared in dog-collar and

## Model rift

UNTIL last week the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) was the model of accountancy profession co-op-eration. All six UK bodies sponsored the AAT, which provides a qualification for





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By HARVEY ELLIOTT

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PLANS to extend the terminal

at one of Europe's fastest-

growing airports have been halted by the remains of the

nobleman on whom Shake-speare is believed to have

According to legend, one of six protected burial mounds

alongside the terminal build-

ings at Billund in Jutland contains the bones of Amlet, a

Danish King who lived many years before Christ yet whose

exploits were so remarkable

they reached the ears of

Shakespeare. The Danish historian Saxo.

who lived between 1190 and

1210, recorded the story of

Prince Amlet, who was at the centre of an extraordinary royal intrigue that resulted in his being sent to England on a

false mission which was sup-

posed to have resulted in his death. But he survived, and

after many adventures he married the English Kings daughter, before returning to Denmark to defeat the con-

spirators and become King.

The only Danish town then

known to the outside world

was Helsingor, which provid-

ed the name for the castle in

Hamlet. After his death, King

Amlet was buried with five of

The site, now a protected

Danish monument, was dis-

covered by labourers in 1896,

his courtiers near Billund.

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# PINKERTON'S EYE

A monthly column from the security and detection agency

# LOW RISK

TRAVELLERS are cautioned to maintain a low profile in The Gambia during the elec-tion period until mid-January. Police in Thailand have given a warning that gangsters in Panaya are robbing and killing tourists after they have been drugged by prostitutes.

## MODERATE RISK

Political violence is reported in Accra, Ghana, as the December 7 elections approach. In Mexico the Revolutionary Army of Popular Insurgence has begun operations.

### HIGH RISK

Last month five members of a family were killed in São Paulo in Brazil. This takes the number of murders this year in the city to 162. A curfew has been imposed on Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic, because of the army mutiny. In Colombia it is estimated there are an average of three kidnappings a day in a rapidly rising crime rate. Fighting in northeast Zaire continues as Tutsi rebels expand their front by routing Zairean troops. The defeated army has been raping and looting as it retreats.

## EXTREME RISK

Air routes overflying Afghani star should be avoided after reports that the Islamic fundamentalist Taleban is using Stinger surface to air missiles. Violence in Algeria is expected to intensify after voters ratified a new constitution on November 28 prohibiting political parties based on religion and ethnicity. Travellers are advised to avoid Angola because of violent crime and possible political-military instability.

Daylight robberies have been reported in the capital Luanda and foreign nationals are subject to arbitrary detention.

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# UK basks in late autumn sun

ONE OF the sunniest Novembers ever recorded has given a countrywide autumn boost to Britain's already booming tourism industry. Official fig-ures show that despite the recent run of cold, damp and windy days, there has rarely been so much sun in November. From Scotland to Cornwall, hoteliers, holiday cottage owners and tourism attractions benefited as thousands of families rushed to take advantage of the perfect weather for walks in the country or along deserted beaches.

The West Country Tourist Board, for example, says that the number of people making inquiries and booking shortbreak holidays leapt by 23 per cent compared with last November. A tourist board spokesman said: "Hotels throughout the region had a busy month. The good weather obviously helped to convince people that they should spend time out and about."

The National Trust said that bookings for its 230 holiday cottages in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were up by 10 per cent. Country Holidays, the UK's biggest holiday cottage company, with more than 4,000 properties, said that lettings were II per cent up on last year.

The cause of the rush to the countryside appears to have been the surprising amount of sunshine between the autumn showers. The absence of penetrating frosts and, until recently, strong winds also meant that trees retained their leaves and kept their autumn colours. for longer than usual.

The trust added: "There has been an increasing demand



Country hotels across Britain report thousands of extra bookings as families take advantage of perfect weather conditions for walking trips

for short breaks: it seems people have discovered that there is something to do in

Even the Meteorological Office in London was surprised by the statistics. A forecaster said: "There was well above the average amount of sunshine right across the country from Scotland to the South to the average for the time of

year and, though it was wet, the rain tended to fall at night, so there was more sun during

In the South East the Met Office reported that sunshine for November was 50 per cent above average and rainfall was 60 per cent above aver-

The Rambiers' Association said: "It was perfect weather for walking. In the summer

our 400 groups do more evening walks, but we have just as many during the day in he autumn and winter. This year, with light crisp frosts and sunshine between the showers, was ideal for getting out into the country."

Now the association has organised the Festival of Winter Walks throughout Britain from Boxing Day to New Year's Day in the hope that the

good weather will continue. Country Holidays said that: the Lake District, the Cotswolds and the Peak District. were particularly popular in November, with holidaymakers eagerly booking cottages with open fires from £60 for a three-day break.

The National Trust said that the demand for short breaks

Adventure holiday centres

commented: "We had a huge increase in the number of people ringing on a Thursday when they saw the weather forecast and asking what was still available for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

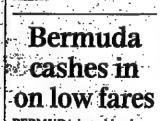
The Met Office predicts

that this coming weekend will also prove ideal for short

who uncovered a splendid gold bracelet believed to have been worn by Amlet. Billiund has a population of only 8,000 but its airport became one of the most important in northern Europe after Maersk, the Danish private airline, developed it as a "hub", providing an inter-change for flights throughout the region and a growing number of services to Britain: Tens of thousands of children also use the airport on their way to the nearby Legoland theme park.

Once the airport had outgrown its capacity of two million passengers a year, the authority wanted to build a new terminal adjoining the existing one. That would have encroached on the tombs, however, so the authority has followed ordered to build the \$2,000 soft terrounal on the op-

Maersk says that it needs the new terminal to expand its scheduled services still further, but has decided it must not even attempt to disturb the legend of Amiet, preferring instead to name its recently improved business-class lounge at the airport the



BERMUDA is cashing in on falling air fares to become one of the fastest-growing short-break destinations in the

Three-day breaks now cost from £469, including the seven-hour flight and self-cater-ing accommodation, or from £499 for three nights in a top hotel. But anybody with rela-tives or friends on the Atlantic island will be charged £349 for a return flight with British Airways between January 10 and February 28. The weekday flights depart on Tuesdays and Thursdays and must

be booked by December 18. The Bermuda Festival is taking place on the island at the same time and includes performances by the pianist David Owen Norris, the Vien-

The new rules cover watersports, caving and climbing

# Greek bars peg drink prices

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

MORE than 100 hotels and bars of Halkidiki — a penin-sula on the Greek mainland, with last year. which is visited by about 80,000 British tourists each year — have agreed to offer fixed prices for drinks and snacks throughout next summer in an attempt to attract cont-conscious tourists. Many prices now routinely

charged in hotel bars in the area will be cut by up to 40 per cent in the move which follows "growing concern the 24 per cent slump in

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visitors this year compared

Halkidiki has not suffered as badly as the rest of the country - this year there were only 5 per cent fewer tourists. Already bookings for next year show a marked improvement on last summer but members of the Halkidiki Hotel Association have agreed to offer stable prices on a range of popular prod-ucts so that tourists can bud-

A glass of local wine, a litre mineral water or a cup of

Greek coffee will all cost 300 drachmas or about 65p. Local brandy will be priced at 450 drachmas (£1.15) a glass, a portion of horiatiki or Greek and will costs 650 drachmas drachmas (£2.15).

Halkidiki is in the northern area known as Macedonia. It has 500 kilometres of coastline and is used by 19 British tour operators with flights from ten airports. Next year where charter flights land, is designated the European City of Culture.

tivities Licensing Authority have visited scores of centres and have approved safety standards at 50, ranging from large ones run by local coun-

> day run by one man. The safety measures come after the Dorset canoeing tragedy in 1993, in which four teenagers from a school party died in Lyme Bay during a trip organised by a private activity centre. The new law requires commercial centres that provide caving, climbing, trek-king and watersports

activities for youngsters under 18 to hold a licence. About 1,000 centres are thought to fall within the scope of the law. Most have applied for a licence and are undergo-

ing inspection.

John Walsh-Heron, the chief executive of the licensing authority, says: The safety standards in practice in the spected are on the whole

# win new safety licences BY TONY DAWR

THE first licences for outdoor quite good, but we shall be activity centres, under a new turning down some centres and advising the people who law introduced to reassure parents that their children will run them on the improvements they need to make."

Mr Walsh-Heron has been be safe on adventure holidays, will be announced next month. Inspectors from the newly formed Adventure Acimpressed by the number of

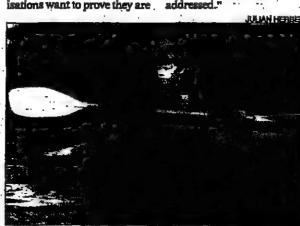
voluntary organisations, in-cluding the Youth Hostels Association and Scouting proups, which have asked to be-licensed atthough they are not covered by the law. He believes that a voluntary scheme should be introduced

to run in conjunction with the statutory system. "If organisations want to prove they are

taking safety seriously," hie adds, "they should be acknowledged."

The authority, which is ad-ministered by Tourism Quality Services, a Cardiff-based leisure company, is concerned, however, that some centres have decided to opt out of the

open land close to a main road. This is an important issue, which must be



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# organisations we have already New disabled law

By David Churchtll

THE British travel industry may be missing out on business worth more than £6 attitude towards disabled holidaymakers, according to the English Tourist Board.

But new legislation which came into force this week making it unlawful to discriminate against the disabled could force the industry to rethink its approach.

Already a group of leading hotel chains, including Thisde, Inter-Continental, Hilton and Novotel, have formed a group called the Hoteliers Forum in an attempt to improve accessibility and atti-tude towards disabled guests. Robert Peel, chief executive

of Thistle, says: "We plan by the year 2000 to have one in every 50 rooms suitable for the disabled. But I would like to see greater awareness of the needs of people with

The new legislation says that disabled people have right of access in three major areas service, information and premises. This means that refusing to serve customers with disabilities or providing them with second-rate services will be illegal," says Tim Bartlett. chief executive

Mr Bartlett says businesses "that plan to provide a better service to disabled visitors could release about £6 billion worth of new money into the

## SATURDAY 'will boost tourism' Three aspects of

tourism industry." Another survey carried out Europe-wide by management consul-

disabled people travel around Europe. But the survey sug-gested a potential market of 14 million disabled tourists. Mary Baker, who heads ar industry lobby group called Tourism For All, says the legislation "will help change

attitudes towards the

wide by management consul-tants Deloitte Touche found

She points out that it is not just wheelchair access that is mportant but also facilities for those with all forms of disabilities, including the elderly. In Britain there are six million adults with disabilities. And by the year 2005. one in every five people in the United Kingdom will be aged

Many travel operators al-ready provide a comprehensive service for the disabled. British Airways says it provides wheelchairs for passen gers who need them from the sircraft to the terminal and will carry collapsible wheelchairs if possible. Thomson Holidays, Brit-

ain's biggest travel operator says: "We take each case on an individual basis. But arrangements for disabled customers can only be made provided that we and our suppliers are confident that we can accommodate special requirements."

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# THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 5 1996 Serious talk about tourism

House of Commons proves that the art of serious debate is not dead and that, despite the daily demand for meaningless "soundbite" confrontations, some MPs are still capable of arguing sensi-bly about a real issue.

The House last week held just such a discussion and, for the first time in two years, it was about tourism. Often it was impossible to tell which party a particular speaker belonged to as politicians genuinely tried to thrash out the best way of helping and encouraging what they all agreed was a vital industry.

True, some MPs felt obliged to get their names into their local papers by heaping praise on the tourist attractions in their own constituencies. And occasionally the veneer of genuine intellectual debate slipped before the driving need for the less confident Members to make some facile political point.

But coming days after the National Heritage Committee's first report on tourism, there is clearly a certain acceptance that what until recently was regarded as a frippery really does have an important part to play in British life.

Look at the facts. During the past ten years, the number of people employed in manu-facturing industries has fallen by 20 per cent, while employment in tourism, leisure and hospitality has grown by 31 per cent. The industry now employs more people than agriculture, coal-mining, steel-making, food production and the textile industry put

Within the next three years, tourism will be the world's biggest industry. In Britain it generates £37 billion a year or more than 5 per cent of GDP, employs 1.8 million people directly, millions more indi-



rectly and should create up to a million new jobs in the next ten years.

Yet though every pound spent on promotion by the British Tourist Authority (BTA) results in a return of £27 to the economy, the Chancel-lor of the Exchequer has just reduced its grant by £500,000

He also doubled the air passenger duty, or airport tax. In last Friday's debate, some MPs wanted children to be exempt from the tax, others backed the Heritage Commit-tee's call for a quadrupling of funds for the BTA. Some said that the cuts in BTA funds were convinced that the de-parture tax would not put off anyone from visiting or leav-

But two contributions, one from a Tory and one from Labour, particularly caught my attention. Jonathan Ailken (Conserva-tive, South Thanet) revealed the existence of a ministerial co-ordinating committee on tourism. It has not met for five years and has withered away completely for tack of

And Gerald Kaufman (Labour, Manchester Gorton) pointed out that during the debate a maximum of 22 Members had been in the

chamber at any one time. It seems that the MPs' first task is to convince their fellows that the industry is genuinely important. And then perhaps prevent the Chancellor from doing his best to shackle it.

# Bargains of the week — from 14 days in The Gambia to Christmas in Champagne

## HOLIDAYS

EILAT for £199 a person for a week in an hotel with swimming pool and fitness club and including breakfast is available from Longwood, Flights leave Gatwick and Luton on Monday. Details: 0181-551 4494,

■ PAGE & MOY is offering a series of two-week bargain holidays, with flights from Gatwick next Tuesday, including self-catering in Malta for £159 a person, half-board in The Gambia for £429 and self-catering in Barbados for £525. Details: 0116-250 7116.

■ COSMOS offers the Algarve for £249 for a fortnight, starting on December 12 in self-catering accommodation. Depart from Manchester, Details: 0161-480 5799,

FLORIDA By-drive holidays for 12 nights for £159 a person, with a flight from Garwick to Orlando on December 14, are among late offers from Lunn Poly. Details from the company's Holiday Shops.

SKIING holidays for nine days for the price of seven from December 19 are available in Vald'Isère for £146 a person from Advantage Travel Centres. The self-drive offer, based on five sharing, includes ferry crossing and a self-catering studio. Details: 0181-977 2984.

JOURNEY around Jordan over Christmas or the new year for £698 a person with Bales Tours. Explorer trips depart from Heathrow on December 23 and 30 and include a week of visits to historic cities, the Dead Sea and Petra, plus bed and breakfast accommodation and return flights. Details: 01306 884409.

A FLOATING Christmas aboard a crewed barge is available from H. & H. Narrowboat Hotels with five days on the Leicestershire summit of the Grand Union Canal, starting on December 23 and costing £320 a person. Festive fare, full board and a sobering Boxing Day descent of Foxton Locks is included. Details:

CHRISTMAS in Champagne is available for £399 a person from Expressions, including three nights' accommodation in a four-star hotel overlooking the Marne Valley, celebratory dinners every night and a ferry crossing for car and passengers. Details: 0171-431 1312.

SAVINGS of up to £100 are available on tours of Kenya and Tanzania in the new year with Kumuka. A 13-day trip around the game reserves of the two countries now costs £425 a person and a 20-day tour, including Kenya beaches, costs £495. Both start from Nairobi on January 14: flights extra: Details: 0171-937 8855.



Visit Petra in a journey around Jordan over Christmas or the new year for £698 a person

### FLIGHTS

BRITISH Airways' latest selection of World Offers is on sale until December 18. Examples include Amsterdam for E79, Lyons £123, Madrid £99, Moscow £339, Munich £124 and Vienna £149. Details: 0345 222111.

SINGAPORE Airlines has a flat 4588 excursion fare to South-East Asia, including a night's accommodation in Singapore, plus flights between London, and one of 18 regional destinations, among them Hong Kong and Macau, Leave London before Monday or between December 24 and 31. Details: 0181-747 0007.

AIR UK has an £89 return fare from Stansted to Copenhagen between December 26 and January 1. Details: 0345 666777.

CZECH Airlines has a £443 three-day London to Prague business-class excursion, saving £150. Details: 0171-255 1898.

SAMPLE a different service between Birmingham' and Newcastle. Lufthansa is now flying the route twice weekly. Fares start from £69 return. Details: 0345 737747.

A RETURN flight from Heathrow to New York will cost as little as £179 from January 9. Details from Major Travel: 0171-485 7017.

## FERRIES

STENA Line has a Disneyland Paris deal until December 17. The offer — three nights for the price of two in the Hotel Cheyenne — costs £146 an adult, £39 for children based on two adults and two children sharing. Ferry and park entrance included. Details: 0990 747474.

HOVERSPEED is operating a Dover-Boulogne route over Christmas. Standard returns for a car and up to five passengers cost £78, a five-day return £39 and a three-day return, £35. Day returns are available for £15. foot passengers £2. Details: 0990 240241.

AN alternative to Eurostar is a rail and sall return with Stena Line from £55, travelling from London to Paris via the Newhaven-Dieppe ferry route. Details: 0990 455455.

MINICRUISES with Scandinavian Seaways depart from Harwich on Saturday to Esbjerg in Denmark or Hamburg on Sunday. The £79 fare includes two nights on board ship and a third night either on board or in a city hotel. Breakfast included. Details: 0990 333111.

SALLY FERRIES has a £20 day-trip fare for a car and up to five passengers on its two routes from Ramsgate to Dunkirk or Ostend, valid until December 23. Eurodrive: 0181-324 4000.

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### HOTELS

WINTER discounts at ITT Sheraton Hotels throughout Europe are available until February 15, with prices such as £60 a night at the Sheraton in Lisbon, or £78 at the Sheraton Salzburg in Austria. Extras include a free bottle of wine in the hotel restaurant and a food gift in every room. Details: 0800 353535.

FRIENDLY Hotels has a new short-break guide for its two-star Comfort Inns and threestar Quality Hotels in the UK starting at £24.50 a person a night, with half-board at £36.50 a person. Discounts for tourist attractions are offered at some hotels. Details: 0800 444444.

OCKENDEN Manor in Cuckfield, West Sussex, has a few rooms left for a three-night Christmas break from £435 a person. Details: 01444 416111. The hotel is a member of the 34-strong Pride of Britain hotel consortium which has information on Christmas availability elsewhere. Details: 01264 736604.

■ THE Glasgow Airport Travel Inn has added a further 23 rooms, bringing the total to 104. Rooms can accommodate two adults and two children and cost £35.50 a night. Details: 01582

■ GUESTS staying four or six nights at Reid's Palace, Madeira, between January 4 and 26 get an extra night free. Prices start from £680 s room for four nights, including breakfast. Details: 0171-805 5059.

TWO NIGHTS for the price of one are on offer at Glasgow's Tinto Firs Thistle Hotel, four miles from the centre of the city. Cost is £35 a person for two nights, including Scottish breakfast, based on double occupancy. The offer runs from Thursday to Sunday through December. Details: 0141-037 2353.

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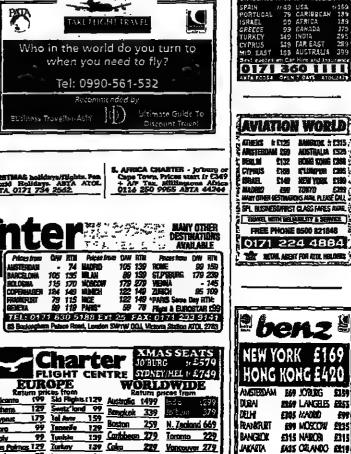


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# Refusal of video certificate within UK margin of appreciation

Wingrove v United Kingdom (Case 19/1995) Before R. Bernhardt, President

and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, L-E. Pettiti, J. De Meyer, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland, G. Milsud Bonnici, D. Gotchev and U. Lõhmus

Registrar H. Petzold Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney Judgment November 25]

The refusal by the British Board of Film Classification to grant a certificate for Mr Nigel Wingrove's video work Visions of Ecstacy. in conjunction with the statutory provisions making it a criminal offence to distribute a video work without such certificate, was justified as being necessary in a democratic society within the meaning of article 10.2 of the European Convention on Human

The European Court of Human Rights held by seven votes to two that there had been no violation of the applicant's freedom of

Article 10 provides: I Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of roadcasting, television or cinema

and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necsary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of dis-order or crime, for the protection of

health or morals, for the protection

of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the Mr Wingrove wrote the script

for and directed the making of an 18-minute video film entitled Visions of Ecstasy which concerned the life and writings of St Teresa of Avila, a sixteenth-century Car-melite num who experienced powerful ecstatic visions of Jesus

He submitted the video to the British Board of Film Classifica-tion in order to obtain a certificate that would permit it to be sold. hired out or otherwise supplied to the public. On September 18, 1989 the board rejected the application on the ground, inter alia that the ork would give rise to outrage at the unacceptable treatment of a sacred subject and that, accordingly, a reasonable jury properly directed would find that it infringed the criminal law of blasphemy.

The applicant appealed to the

described the video film as depicting the erotic fantasies of a character referred to as St Teresa. involving both the crucified figure of Christ and the "Psyche of St Teresa", a female role. The applicant disputed the board's assertion that his video film was solely

The appeal was heard by a panel of five members on December 6 and 7, 1989. By a majority of three votes to two, the panel upheld the board's decision.

The majority considered the overall tone and spirit of the video to be indecent and had little doubt that its presentation would cause outrage to the feelings of Chris-tians, who would reasonably look upon it as being contemptuous of the divinity of Christ. The minority. while accepting that many people would find the video extremely distasteful, considered it unlikely that a reasonable and properly directed jury would convict.

The applicant received legal advice to the effect that his case was not suitable for judicial The application to the European

Commission of Human Rights, which was lodged on June 18, 1990, was declared admissible on March 8, 1994. Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly semiement, the Commission drew up a report on January 10, 1995, in hich it established the facts and said, by 14 votes to 2, that there had been a violation of article (0.

In its judgment, the European. Court of Human Rights held: The applicant complained of a violation of his right to freedom of expression under article 10 of the

It was undisputed that the refusal by the British Board of Film Classification to grant a distribution certificate for Vinions of Ecstasy constituted an interference with his right to freedom of CONTESSION.

interference entailed a violation of the Convention, the Court had to examine whether it was instified under article 10.2 as a restriction prescribed by law", which pursued an aim that was legitimate under that provision and was

A Whether the interference was prescribed by law The board had acted within its

The board had acted within its powers under section 4(1) of the Video Recordings Act 1984.

The offence of blasphemy could not, by its very nature, lend itself to precise legal definition. National authorities had therefore to be afforded a degree of flexibility in assessing whether the facts of a particular case fell within that particular case fell within that

certainty or disagreement as to the definition of what constituted biasphenry. Having seen the video for itself, the Court was satisfied that the applicant could, with appro-

priate legal advice, reasonably have loreseen that certain scenes in the film could fall within the scope of the offence of blasphemy.

In those circumstances, it could not be said that blasphemy law did not afford adequate protection against arbitrary interference. The troughed restriction had therefore been "prescribed by law". B Whether the interference pur-Sued a legitimate alian

The aim of the interference, the protection of Christians against serious offence in their beliefs, was fully consonant with the aims of article 9 of the Convention on freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

Whether or not there was a real need for protection against exposure to the video was a question that the Court would address when

Although the English law of blasphemy only protected the Christian faith, it was not for the European Court to rule in abstracto as to the compatibility of domestic law with the Convention; the extent to which English law protected other beliefs was not in ue in the present case.

The fact that the law of blus nemy did not treat all religious on pnemy out not treat an reagons on an equal footing did not detract from the legitimacy of the aim-pursued in the present context. The Court concluded that the refusal to grant a distribution certificate had

cessary is a democratic society The interference had been intended to protect against seriously offensive attacks on matters regarded at sacred by Christians

Other laws mentioned by the plicant pursued related but diefinct aims and were not relevant in present context. Blasphemy legislation was still force in various European

countries. Although its applic had become increasingly rare, the fact remained that there was as yet not sufficient common ground in the legal and social orders of the mber states of the Council of Europe to conclude that blas-pheny legislation was, in itself, ry in a democratic socicty and incompatible with the

Under article 10.2 whereas there existed little scope for restrictions on political speech or on questions of public interest, a wider margin appreciation was generally allable to the states in relation to matters liable to offend intimat personal convictions in the sphere of morals or religion. As with morals, there was no

form European conception of the requirements of protection against attacks on religious convic-tions. National authorities were better placed than the international judge to define those requirements and to rule on the necessity" of a "restriction". That did not exclude final Euro-cean supervision which was all the

and open-endedness of the notion of blasphemy and the risks of arbitrary or excessive interferences

in that regard, the scope of the offeroe and the safeguards inher-ent in blasphenry law were es-pecially important. The fact that there had been prior restraint in the present case called for special

The Court had so determine whether the reasons given by the national authorities to justify the interference were relevant and sufficient under article 10.2. Blasphemy law did not prohibit

the expression of views hostile to the Christian religion or of any opinion offensive to Christians. What the law sought to control was the manner in which such views were advocated. The extent of insult to religious feelings had to profamation required was a safe-guard against arbitrariness.

Visions of Ecstasy portrayed the crucified Christ in an act of an overtly sexual nature. The national authorities had considered that the manner to which such imagery had been treated placed the focus less on the erotic feelings of the character than on those of the audience, which was the primary function of pornography.

They had further held that no

stremot had been made to explore the meaning of that imagery

transfer from Kingston upon Thames London Borough Council as to strike at the condition of trust and confidence in their employer, so that their resignations

amounted to constructive dismiss

video could therefore outrage and insult the feelings of believing Christians and constitute the offence of blasphemy.

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The reasons given to justify the interference could be considered both relevant and sufficient and the interference could not be said to be arbitrary or excessive.

Since videos, once on the market easily escaped control by the authorities, it was not unreasonable for there to consider that the video could have reached people to whom it would have caused

The use of a box with a warning message would have had limited efficiency given the varied forms of transmission of video films. In any event, the national authorities were, here too, better placed than the European Court to make an assessment as to the video's likely impact on the public

Although the interference amounted to a complete ban, that standable consequence (i) of the authorities opinion that its dis-tribution would infringe the criminal law as well as (ii) of the applicant's refusal to amend it or cut out the blasphemous scenes. The Court therefore held, Judges

De Meyer and Löhmus dissenting. gin of appreciation had not been overstepped and there had accordingly been no violation of article 10

# **Chancery Division**

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# **Employment Appeal Tribunal**

# Misfeasance in improper disclosure

Elliott v Chief Constable of Wiltshire and Others Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Judgment November 20

A person who had suffered damhimself out as a police officer, had disclosed that person's previous convictions for an improper pur-pose and with intent to cause him injury, arguably had a remedy in damages against the police officer for the tort of misfeasance in public

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chan-cellor, so held in the Chancery Division in a judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers when, inter alia, missing the summons of the Chief Consuble of Willshire seting to strike out the statement of claim of Peter Elliott issued against Chief Constable; David Gledhill, news editor of the Wiltshire Gazette and Peter Gawthorpe, its editor, as disclos-ing no reasonable cause of action. Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Elliot: Mr Stephen Rubin for the

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that for the purpose of the present hearing he would treat the leaded facts as true.

In 1988 Mr Elliott was employed as a reporter/subeditor for the Willishira Gazette and was investigating alleged misconduct on the part of a senior police officer in the Wilshire constabulary for the purpose of writing an article. In October 1989 a senior police officer, it was not known whether it

was the same one, told the news editor that Mr Elliott was a criminal with a long string of convictions, some serious. He suptied a list of those which included convictions for armed robbery and rape and stated that if there were a robbery or rape in the area the police would pull in Mr Ellion for

The news editor naturally informed the editor who summ Mr Elliott to an interview and presented him with the list of convictions. On November 19, 1989 Mr Ellion was dismissed. The clear inference was that the dis-missal was because of the criminal

Some of the listed convictions were true. Some were not in particular the alleged convictions for rape and armed robbery were untrue. Other of the listed convictions were true but related to spent convictions under the Rehabilita

it was alleged in the statement of claim and not disputed before his Lordship that the confidential information concerning Mr Elliou's convictions had been derived from the Police National Com-puter. That information comprised personal data under section I of the Data Protection Act 1984 and was subject to the data protection principles in Schedule I to the Act including an obligation not to disclose data for an improper

Personal data might be disclosed by police officers for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or apprehending or prosecuting offenders: see sections 5, 26(3) and improper purpose was a criminal officion: see section 5 and R v Brown ([1994] QB 547). The statement of cisim pleaded

that the chief constable's police officers owed a duty of confidence to Mr Elliott in relation to the disclosure of his criminal convictions; that information collated by police officers in relation to criminal convictions could only law-fully be disclosed by them for the purpose of performing their public functions as police officers and in particular for their reasonable use for the purpose of detecting or ting crime, the investigation and prosecution of allege offences and the apprehension of suspects or persons unlawfully at

It pleaded that the disclosures were made in breach of the obligation of confidentiality owed by the chief constable's police officers and for a private purpose, namely to damage him in his employment so as to prevent publication of the article concernng maladministration and

It also alleged that the disclosure by the news editor to the editor of the convictions was in breach of confidence and that the editor acted in breach of confidence by publishing a letter dismissing Mi Elliott because of his criminal

The allegation of breach of confidence was the only case and Master Dyson struck it out as disclosing no cause of action. His

Lordship agreed with the master. The convictions had been announced in open court. They were therefore in the public domain and could not be confidential information. The notion that information about convictions announced in public in open court was confidendal was absurd. It seemed that the idea that the

information was confidential had arisen because anyone other than a policeman would have difficulty collecting it. But a diligent re-searcher could have discovered it. Information that was not confidential did not become so just because h was disclosed by a policeman. It followed that the breach of confidence claim against all three defendants was misconceived and

the news editor and the editor were entitled to be dismissed from the Mr Elliott's second claim was that by disclosing his convictions the senior police officer was guilty of misfeasance in his public office as a police constable which gave

rise to a remedy in damages.
His Lordship reviewed the authorities on that tort which was well established but of which the boundaries had not yet been precisely defined: Dunlop v Wollahra Municipal Council [1982] AC 158); Calveley v Chief Constable of Merseyside (1990) 1
AC 1228; Racy v Home Office
[1994] 2 AC 45]: North Territory v
Mengel [1995] 69 ALJR 527) and
Three Rivers DC v Governor of Bank of England (1996) 3-All ER

Mr Rubin argued that the tort of misfeasance in public office con-cerned the purported exercise of some power or authority. Misconduct while holding public office but unconnected with the improper use of an administrative power could not give rise to the tort. He said that the police officer. in maliciously providing informa-tion, whether true or false, to the newspaper about Mr Elliott could not be said to have been exercising er or authority.

Mr Clayton contended that it was not necessary for a public official to be exercising a power. He pointed out that a public official might be guilty of mis-feasurce by pure omission, where

see R v Dytham (1979) QB 722. A policeman, out of hours and not in uniform, might commit an assault. That would not be an abuse of his powers as a police officer. But if a police officer in

uniform effected an arrest without abuse of his office. His Lordship held that on the acts of the present case there was the requisite connection. The senior policeman was in possession of the information about the convictions because he was a police officer. He came into pos-session of the information from the National Police Computer and

because of his position as a police officer. He gave the information to the news editor in his capacity as a police officers had a season that was the source of important pow-ers and duties. If they were guilty of misconduct and the other ingredients of the sort were present office would be made out.

His Lordship considered that all the requisite ingredients: malice, intent to injure, improper purpose and damage, in the form of loss of rment, had be all were proved at trial it would be a lamentable commentary on Eng-lish law if that conduct were not

Accordingly, he was not pre-pared to strike out Mr Elliott's claim against the chief constable that he was vicariously liable for his officers for the tort of misleasance in public office. He would also allow the amend-

ment sought by Mr Elliott alleging malicious falsehood, it was not statute barred since it was a cause of action arising out of the same facts as already pleaded within the six-year period: see section 35(4) of the Limitation Act 1980.

Accordingly, he would dismiss
Mr Ellioth's appeal against the
finding of the master that there
was no cause of action for breach of confidence; dismiss the chief constable's application to strike out the claim for misfeasance in public office as disclosing no cause of action; and allow Mr Ellion's

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# Fears of transfer insufficient ground

Sita (GB) Ltd v Burton and Obers

Before Lord Johnston, Mr. J. R. Crosby and Mr. D. J. Jenkins [Judgment November 19]: \* An employee's fears in regard to his conditions and terms of service on an impending transfer of an undertaking could not amount to a breach by his employer of the implied term of trust, for the purposes of a claim for unfair missal, since the substance of

tion of Employment Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794). The Employment Appeal Triappeal by the transferee, Sha (GB) Ltd. from the decision of a London industrial tribunal dated Decemher 15, 1995, that the applicant

Transfer of Undertakings (Protec-

als which were unfair. Mr Simon Cheves for the transferce; Mr Paul Epstein for the employees; Mr Timothy Pitt-Payne for the transferor. employees, Mr P. A. Burron and-Mr K. M. Pickard, had been reasonable in their belief that their LORD JOHNSTON said that

# Petitions to be heard by judge

Practice Direction (Com-panies Court: Schemes and refections . Petitions to sunction schemes

would in future be heard by a judge.
The Chancery judges considered that that change of practice was desirable. Among the considerations which they had taken into account was the fact that schemes who were not before the court.

Arrangements had been made so that in term time petitions to sanction scharges would be limed Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so stated in Practice Direcrion No 2 of 1996 issued on

November 27 in the Chancery THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Chancery Practice Direction (6) Companies (Other than Insolvency) in volume 2 of The Supreme Court Practice 1997 was amended by deleting paragraph E (para-graph 816) and substituting the following:
"E Schemes of arrangement and reductions of capital: hearing.

1 This paragraph E applies to
(a) schemes of arrangement under sections 425 to 427A of the Companies Act 1985, whether made with creditors or members: (b) schemes for the transfer of the whole or part of the long-term siness of an insurance company
which schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 (as imended) applies, and

(c) reductions of capital, share om account and capital edemption reserve. References in this paragraph E to "schemes" are to schemes falling within (a) or (b) above, and references in this paragraph E to reductions are to reductions falling

2 Petitions to sanction schemes of arrangement will be heard by the Companies Court judge. tions to confirm reductions will be heard by the Companies Court registrar unless otherwise ordered. The registrar will hear pentious to confirm reductions in open court on a Wednesday each week after completion of the list of

4 Schemes and reductions in the

most be satisfied for a hearing to be fixed to sanction a sche and/or confirm a reduction in the

long vacation:

(a) The application is one in which for imancial, commercial or economic reasons a hearing before the end of the long vacation is desirable. This category will indesirable. This category will in-clude cases of mergers and takeovers which arise in the summer and are likely to be affected by marker fluctuations.

(b) The application is one which could not with reasonable diligence have been made and prosecuted in time to be heard before the long vacation begins. An informal application in

chambers, to the court manager, accompanied by an advocate's certificate that requirements (a) and (b) are satisfied, must be made as soon as possible so that a suitable timetable may be settled, including a date for hearing. In the case of reductions to be

heard by the registrar, certain applications which do not fail within the above categories will be heard provided (i) that there is an urgent need for a hearing or (i) that there is sufficient time available after the registrar has disposed of the orgent applications. Applications to the registrar in ribers for orders conve meetings to consider schemes an for directions on reduction applica tions will continue to be heard

notice is given to the court before the long vacation begins, a time-table will be fixed which will enable any necessary documents to be settled in chambers and enable The vacation judge will be available to hear petitions to sanction achemics and any pe-titions to confirm reductions which

citions to confirm redoctions which require to be heard by a judge on one Wednesdays in August and two Wednesdays in September on dates to be arranged and subsequently notified in the long vacation notice which is printed in The Decide Course Live. The Daily Cause List.
The vacation judge may also hear petitions so sanction schemes or confirm reductions on other days if he thinks fit."

Chancery Practice Direction (10) Insolvency B Companies in volume 2 of The Supreme Court Practice 1997 (paragraph 838) was amended by deleting paragraph (vi)(ii)(as).

Practice Direction (Companies Court: Provisional

Applications for the appoint-ment of provisional liquidators should in future be made to the Companies Court judge, Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor stated in Practice Direction No 3 of 1996 issued on November 27 in the

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both the applicant employees had been in the employment of the council for some time when, in December 1993, it entered into negotiations with the transfered with a view to effecting a transfer of services provided by the depart-ment to which the employees were

There were extensive consultations with staff representatives and unions before the transfer was approved on February 22, 1994. The two employees subsequently resigned and ceased to work for the council on March 31, 1994. The transfer was completed on April 15,

The employees were never in the employment of the transferee, and, as a matter of the common law, the responsible for a breach of the contracts between the employees and the transferor council. Accordingly, if there was to be

any liability on the transferee it had to be under the 1981 Regula-tions which itself assumed that there was a breach of contract by the transferor creating a liability which thus became transferred. it could not be doubted that between employer and employee there existed within the terms of the contract of employment, albeit implied in most cases, a duty on the employer to maintain the trust and confidence of his employee and to act in good faith towards. In general terms that term could only be breached by reason of the actions of third parties in the rarest of cases. One could not exclude the case that in the context of transfers of undertakings the consequences to employees of the proposed transfer, as known to the transferor, could be so dire that for him to go shead with the transfer could so ... undermine . the ... confidence relationship with his employees as But: as a matter of principle, that

could not apply when what was at risk, however serious it might be, was the preservation after the terms of employment in his contract with the transferor. That was because the 1981

Regulations provided an absolute answer by way of remedy to any attempt by the transferee to after those, terms unlawfully after, the The conduct of an employer,

albeit induced or related to the conduct of a potential transferee which might in due course affect his employee, could not be re-garded as sufficiently drestic with regard to the obligation of mutual to alter the remedies available to The employee on transfer.

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tions where there was no other remedy than that the employee must resign in his own interests, and it could not do so in a context of transfer of undertakings where the complaints or fears of the employee related solely to the terms and conditions of his contract and where the substance of those complaints and fears were totally protected by the operation Solicitors: Machins, Luton; Mr

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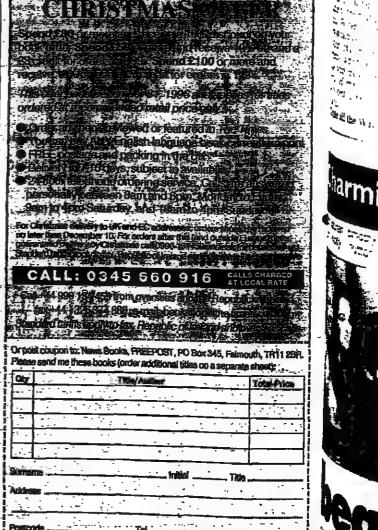
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CINEMA: Geoff Brown finds some wheat in the chaff that is Home for the Holidays, but gives up on Schwarzenegger

# The family as a nuclear device

om constantly smokes and talks. Dad grabs cooks and whirls her round to the strains of It's Not Unusual. Aunt Glady is going batty. Sister Cynthia is a sour-faced prune. Your gay brother arrives, acts the pest and splat-ters the entire company carving the turkey. You your-self have a terrible cold and have just been fired from your art museum job. Happy

This is the scene in Home for the Holidays, Jodie Fos-ter's second film as director. The holiday is Thanksgiving, which America celebrated last Thursday. In real life, if we were like Holly Hunter's heroine and forced inside such a dysfunctional household, we might well want to rush away screaming. At times some may feel the need to escape Foster's

Perceptive moments are followed by rowdy excess. Anne Bancroft's mother of them all leans too much towards cari-cature, while Robert Downey Jr's gay prankster is annoying beyond the demands of the part. Then Geraldine Chaplin's batty aunt lets rip with a fart or an obscenity, and Charles Durning's father trains a lawn hose on two brawling brothers. It all gets

to be too much.
In a film with so much hectic talk — the screenwriter is W.D. Richter, eccentric cre-ator of the cult film Buckaroo Banzai — maybe it is not surprising that some of the best moments lie in quiet, visual observations. At Baltimore's airport, every phone booth is occupied by a sibling girding the loins for family trauma. Locked in a traffic jam with her family. Hunter's lonely single mother exsuffering glance with a total stranger, locked in the jam with his own termenters.

Foster judges such little scenes well, although she fails to generate forward momenturn to carry us over the bumps and grinds of an increasingly contrived plot. In this respect, Little Man Tate. her first directorial fling, was a more plausible piece of work, although Holidays can boast

greater commercial appeal. The cast alone ensures attention. Bancroft may chew the carpet, but she is undeniably furmy as well, summoning the brood for dinner with the cheery cry: "Come, people are starving in the former Yugoslavia!" Downey is less rewarding, although at least the movie never pushes his gay character to the margins; Richter and Foster take a

liberal view of family values. Most other players have their moments, script permitting. But, as with most family celebrations, Home for the Holidays is best appreciated

With Jingle all the Way we mildly magical for small boys

matt lauren timothy rosie

move on to the next holiday down the line, Christmas. Don't confuse this with Christmas the religious festival; the movie must be Hollywood's. biggest advertisement yet for seasonal consumer greed.

The plot rotates around Arnold Schwarzenegger's frantic attempts to buy the country's number one action toy, Turbo Man, for the son he neglects the other 364 days of the year. In the process he wrestles with a few conniving Santas, shaners a radio studio's glass door, and punches a reindeer in the face. He also demonstrates that his knack for cornedy is definitely not improving with time.

Not that Arnie has been encouraged to finesse his skills by the director, Brian Levant. This, after all, is the man who

> Home for the Holidays Curzon West End 15, 102 mins Hectic visit with a dysfunctional family

Jingle all the Way Warner West Erid PG, 88 mins -Schwarzenegger's Christmas cheer

> The Day of the Beast Metro, 18, 110 mins Satanic anarchy from Spain

A Chinese **Ghost Story** National Film Theatre Dishevelled Hong Kong

The Last of the High Kings 15, 104 mins Pleasant yarn about

coming of age Feeling Minnesota Virgin Trocadero 18, 98 mins Unappealing low-life

directed The Flinistones. He believes in slap bang wallop; as does the producer. Chris Cohmbus, who let Macaulay Culkin run riot in Home Alone. In between Schwarzenegger's grimaces and flying merchandise, the twinkling lights and cosy snow of a clean, dream America, you find other people mugging their hearts out: the TV comic Sinbad as a manic rival for the Turbo Man toy; Phil Hartman as a slimy neighbour who ves the remdeer to his own gives the removed to much to kid. "You can't do too much to

Hartman drones. Jingle all the Way may be

make Christmas magical."



Man themselves; for the rest of us, the film makes us wish Christmas had never been invented.

If the thought of

Schwarzenegger jingling away makes your toes curl relief may come from The Day of the Beast, an anarchic Spanish romp by Alex de la iglesia, previously responsible for the gruelling fantasy spoof Accion Mutante. Imagine a Buñuel anti-clerical gibe crossbred with a gory midnight movie. In the opening minutes a falling church crucifix squishes a priest. The priest's vounger colleague then sets off for Madrid to contact the Devil and try to avert the Anti-Christ's birth, due on Christmas Eve. First port of call: a

heavy metal music shop. By the end, de la Iglesia has roped into his comedy a fake TV Satanist, the Devil incarnate (a black, grinning ram), a giant neon advert for Schweppes, gory special ef-fects, and much satire on Spanish society.

At first the fast pace is exhilarating, while Alex the priest on a satanic mission does much to sharpen the humour. But the second half disintegrates, and the pleasing spectre of Buriuel fades under pressure from tedious set pieces and assorted narrative

he images get no tidi-er in Ching Siu-Tung's A Chinese Ghost Story, a cultish but dishevelled Hong Kong production from 1987 that huris together kung-fu highjinks, gruesome comic horror and a traditional ghost story with no thought to intelligibil-

The bulk of the frenzy centres on a haunted temple. where a maladroit debt collector (Leslie Cheung, popular throughout the world after Farewell My Concubine) succumbs to a lady ghost's charms. But all characters are fall-guys for the special effects team. Bodies fly through the air, corpses groan and crawl, while a monstrously huge, trees and makes a swiss roll of

and possibly a warped mind,

to survive this. The Last of the High Kings is a far more humane endeavour. This is a period comingof age story set in Ireland: goodness, did I hear you yawn? But David Keating, a new director, and his motley cast attack the material with enough vim and vigour to blow off most cobwebs.

Alongside a willingness to enjoy teenage pranks and puppy love, a taste for a little whimsy helps: for parents the 17-year-old hero boasts a fiercely nationalistic mother (Catherine O'Hara), wrapped up either in Guinness or Celtic myths, and an actor father (Gabriel Byrne) lost in the

The cast has its international interlopers: O'Hara is Canadian, while Jared Leto, the beautiful hero, hails from Louisiana. But the dialect coach has done good work, while the script and soundtrack evoke with ease the summer of 1977, when Dublin rocked to the music of Thin Lizzy and Elvis Presley died.

namful time: he has six weeks to wait for exam results that he expects will be bad. "I've ruined my life before I've even

started," he moans. Still, there are girls to dream over, drinks to spike, a beach party to organise, and battles of independence to fight with his anti-Protestant mum. There is nothing here to raise the roof, but the film is always pleasant and attractive to

You would appreciate these modest virtues more if you had to suffer Feeling Minnesota, a dingy drama about two warring brothers wrecking

that Steven Baigelman, the writer and director, wants to impress. He names one character Jjaks (Keanu Reeves, adorned with stubble and a that role). He gets another one to say: "Time is like an orange." He tries to doverail

nastiness and humour, like

the god Tarantino, but lacks

"A treat... will make you laugh out loud"

the master's cutting edge.
He also cannot get the best from his actors: one by one from Recves and Vincent D'Onofrio downwards, their talent fails as they shout, fight, and wave their arms. This Is a most unappealing movie.

# 'Good comedy drama

Every week, young film fans discuss the larest releases ...

☐ HOME FOR

THE HOLIDAYS Susan Wallace, 19: Holly Hunter proves that her acting abilities are not confined to serious drama: she excels in

this lighter role. Bill Staples, 21: A genuinely funny insight into a dysfunc-tional family. Every character resembles someone you wish

you didn't know. Lisa Knight, 19: Charmingly original characters desperately try to relate to each other during the festive season. Rhian Dobell, 21: A really good comedy drama with interesting twists to the plot.

☐ JINGLE ALL THE WAY Susan: Children and adults alike will leave the film wishing they too had the fantastic powers of the Turbo Man suit. Bill: Immensely magnetic for a younger audience. Adults should see through the siapstick action to what is a critical appraisal of the commercalised Christmas.

Lisa: Disappointing. There are some amusing moments but these could all have been condensed into about ten minutes and saved a lot of people a lot of pain.

Rhian: As long as you're under 15, you'll enjoy the

☐ THE LAST OF THE HIGH KINGS

Susan: A coming-of-age film which, despite involving itself with all the typical cliches of teenage angst. is humorous

and evocative. Bill: A witty script is enhanced by a superb cameo by Steven Lisa: A poignant and magical

drama. The beautiful setting and great cast make it thoroughly enjoyable.

Rhian: Please don't be put off by the title - this film is witty and entertaining. And, to top it all, it has a brilliant



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# beautifulgirls good times never seemed so good

WITH a handful of singles and an audacious debut allower reaches of the charts in recent months, Audioweb are hovering on the brink of that clusive breakthrough. Tomorrow, then, the world, but for

now the Mancunian quartet are confined to an airless upstairs room somewhere in Camden's golden mile. crowded but not absolutely jammed to its 280 capacity. Three tufty-haired tykes muscle their way on to the stage, light up eigarenes and stand around for a bit. They

turn out to be guitarist Robin File: bass player Sean McCann and drummer Maxi. Soon they are joined by the altogether more imposing fig-ure of singer Martin Merchant, better known as Sugar, a big black man dressed in cagoule and pudding-basin hip hop hat.

He starts singing the Clash's Bankrobber, unaccompanied: "My Daddy was a bank robber/He never hurt nobody/He just loved to five that way/And he loved to steal your money." The rest of the band comes tumbling in on the wrong beat and have to start again, which rather detracts from the impact. But as a jumping off point for Audioweb's mixture of dancerock, sweet soul melody and raggamuffin rap, it could hardly be bettered.

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Hip for the top

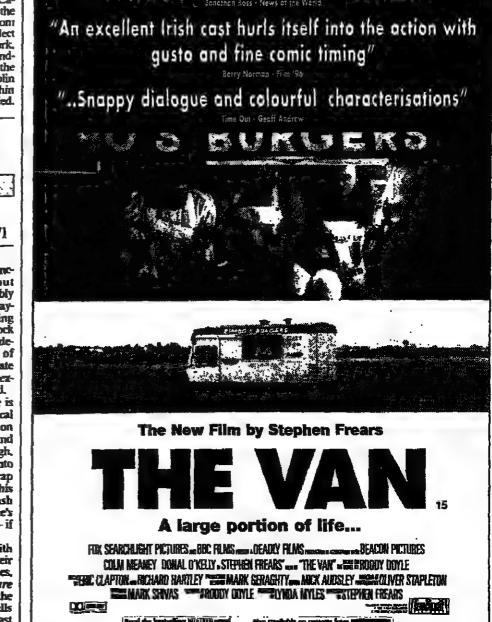
Audioweb The Monarch, NWI

There are several distinct tive features about Audioweb's music, notably the way McCann's bass playing and Maxi's drummi operate on the cusp of rock and reggae, while File deploys an arsenal of pedalboard effects to create anything and everything cacept a straight guitar sound.

But their ace in the hole is Sugar's extraordinary vocal range. Time and again, on numbers such as Sleeper and Faker, he starts off in a high, silky tone and then drops into gruff, tongue-twisting rap mode. Between songs, his motormouth patter is brash and confident — This one's like Philips, years ahead" - if

a little repetitive. They end a brief set with Drip Feed, dedicated to their admirers the Stone Roses, and a rumbling Who are Then Ambling offstage, the four musicians ignore calls for an encore. It is not the last audience that this unusually gifted, if still unpolished, group will leave wanting

DAVID SINCLAIR





**CHOICE 1** 

Fifty Howard Hodgkin paintings from the past 20 years go on show VENUE: From today at the Hayward Gallery



CHOICE 2

Gabrielle Drake stars in Oscar Wilde's Lady Windermere's Fan VENUE: in preview, Royal Exchange, Manchester THE



MEW VIDEOS

Powerful kidnap drama with a modern twist the Coen brothers' Fargo comes to the small screen



■ NEW CDS

Valery Gergiev conducts his thrilling Kirov Opera singers and orchestra in a Russian epic

# LONDON

CLOCKS AND CLOUDS: The composer and Finnish conductor Esa-Petric Salonen today launches an ritomational resospective and palebration of The Music of Gyorgy Ligati. The three-year project begins with a series of eight concerts, educational projects and an establishment at educational projects and an exhibition at the Festival Hall before transferring abroad in the first recital, all form, Tablea Zimmermann plays Ligeti's Viole Sona which is followed by the composer's Collo Sonata, played by David Geringa: Colio Sonata, piayeto by Leving clamaga: 47.30pm, the Philharmonia Orchestra performs Ligeti a San Francisco Polyphony and Cello Concetto, and Mariter's Fourth Symphony Pestival Hall, South Bank, SET (0171-960 4242) Tonight (5)

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The CAMPINE make a case London appearance, and their Barbican debut, with Handel's sacred mestarprece. Mossum They are goined by a group of young soloists, including Dorothea Roschmann and Dichoral York, seprance. Ruby Philogene, contratto, Charles Darriels, janon, Need Darries, bass. The conductor is Paul McCreeth Barbican. 2th Street, ECZ (1111–638) 88911 Tonight, 7pm. (g)

HAYWARD GALLETY I'wo new exhibitions open today. Howard Hodgidar Paintings is an exhibition of more than 50 of the artist's dense, visitatily coloured oil partirings.

El sole KINCEDON: The man of several facts reams with his two one-man shours in repertone: Dylan Thomas Peturn Journey and The Truman Capote Talk Show open ronight, at 4 30pm and 7 30pm, respectively. In rep Mon-Sat, Spm. Both shows performed on Dec 26 and Jan 2, 4 30pm and 7 30pm. Until January 11. Lynte Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 8701) (2)

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# THEATRE GUIDE

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# Raising Coen in Minnesota

## EN PER SHAPE SEE

■ FARGO PolyGram, 18, 1996

JOEL and Ethan Coen return to their home state, Mirmesota, for this wonderful, laconic drama about a kidnap plot that goes horribly haywire. Frances McDormand is the pregnant police chief who emerges from her domestic cocoon to face her first homicide; William H. Macy is the hapless small-town jerk whose need for money to pay off debts brings in two thugs and several dead bodies. The film is warm, dark, grotesque and beautiful all at once. A rental release.

HOW TO MAKE AN **AMERICAN QUILT** CIC. 12, 1995

WINONA RYDER is spending the summer at her grandmother's house, filled with relatives and friends mak-ing her bridal quilt. Each has a history that must be told. The film itself is a quilt of flashbacks, annoyingly fuzzy in its attitudes, but blessed splendid cast. Anne Bancroft and Ellen Burstyn (two bickering sisters) or Kate Nelligan's bruised outsider may not have much material to work with, but they still make the film worth watching Director, Jocelyn Moorehouse. Available to rent.

THE JUROR 20:20 Vision, 18, 1996

DEMI MOORE, artist and single mother, is a jury member in a Maña trial. Enter Alec Baldwin, who buys some sculptures, turns on the charm



and then forces her to sway her colleagues to acquit. Baldwin's volatile character gives this dumpy film whatever electric charge it possesses. Director Brian Gibson does his bit too, but cannot disguise the dreadful old chest-nuts littering the script. Available to

III ROAD TO BALL Screen Classics, U. 1952

SOME aspects of the Crosby-Hope "Road" films are remarkably modern, . not to say postmodern: the in-jokes, the games with the cinema medium, the improvisatory spirit. As well as Bing ... Crosby and Bob Hope, the line-up

includes Dorothy Lamour, jungle perils, an amorous gorilla and cameos from the likes of Humphrey Bogart and Jane Russell. No comic masterpiece, but it lasts better than Leslie Nielsen's films will.

GEOFF BROWN

# NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Korngold without pictures; inspired Glinka; Christmas from another age

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Symphony in F sharp; Einlache Lieder: Maciettas Lied Hendricks/Philadelphia

Orchestra/Weiser-Möst EMI CDC 5 56169 2\*\*\* THE centenary of Erich Wolf-

gang Korngold falls next year and I suspect we will be hearing a good deal more of his music. Indeed, the revival is already under way, as a series of releases on various labels shows. The latest is this recording of the Symphony in F sharp, one of a number of pieces written by Korngold after the Second World War, when he was trying to show that he was capable of more than film scores. Those who find much of his music too saccharine may like to try this; there is a solidity and seriousness about the first movement, in particular, that you might not associate with him.

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Four of Korngold's Six Simple Songs, Op 9, and the inevitable Marieta's Song from Die tote Studt are sensitively delivered by Barbara Hendricks.

GLINKA Rusian and Ludmila Netrehku/Diadkova/ Ognovenko/Pluzhnikov/ Kirov Orchestra/Gergiev Philips 446 746-2 (3 CDs) \* \* \*

later to plunder. Spread over beauties, magic swords and

magic rings, knights in shining armour, sorcerers evil and benevolent, even a talking head. Pushkin's original poem might have been a bit tongue in-cheek, but Glinka took it all very seriously.
So too does this Kirov

production, shared with San Francisco and sumptuously staged by Lotfi Mansouri. Valery Gergiev and his players are on top form, from the bouncy overture, the only part of the score much played in the West, through well over three hours of music. Some of the

> where Glinka's inspiration is: on a high level. Elsewhere he takes his time, writing long and demanding arias for all his principals. Much of the vocal weight falls on the attractive soprano of Anna Netrebko and her Ludmila can stand it. Vladi-

hest is reserved for the exotic

dances in Act III and IV.

CDs, reviewed in The Times can be ordered from the Times Music other Kirov regulars sound a bit frayed, but this is an exotically Russian set:

Hilary Finch

mir Ognovenko is a sturdy

would have made an interest-

MAN, EARLY ENGLISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The Sixteen/Christophers Collins Classics 14922\*\*

HARRY CHRISTOPHERS and the Sixteen dance their way towards Christmas with a pageant of English songs from the 14th to the 17th century which remind us that the carol was first a round dance, and only later a song with verses and chorus.

These are ditties for the "days that merrit more praise than all the rest of the year", as one earthier number from Playford's Dancing Master of

1686 has it. But they also merit and heroic Rusian, although a more robustness, even row-Larissa Diadkova's Ratmir, a diness, than the Sixteen dare. This Gaudere, for example, is rival suitor and a trouser role, neat and crisp and even and, although Robert Evans ating husband. Some of the tempts a yokelish "burr" in the course of Greensleeves, there could be lustier contrasts between the carois derived from dance and the music which grew out of plainsong. --

The latter, including exqui-site examples of English Renaissance polyphony by Byrd and Sheppard, are given beautifully balanced performances. And the Sixteen excel at judg ing the tone of racities such as the anonymous Nowell: Out of your sleep, a dark Domes-day of a reveille in which the words reverberate with raw fear as much as hope.

Those who prefer the rougher edge of twanging French-ified Middle English will enjoy the fistful of 15th-century carols embedded in Gothic Voices' latest disc (Hyperion CDA 66857).

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# Buddy, can you spare a few million?

Time is running out for those arts bodies which must match their lottery handouts or lose them. Andy Lavender reports on a

hair-raising financial timetable

hristmas is a time for giving, and if you have a few million pounds to spare, this year your gen-erosity will be more keenly sought than ever. You will probably be asked to bail out the nation's cultural grands projets, which need to raise millions very quickly if they are to go ahead.

This is a result of the requirements surrounding the award of National Lottery cash to the five "good causes". By law, each scheme must also raise an amount of "partnership funding" from local authorities, sponsorships, private donations and the like. In some cases the schedules are nail-bitingly precarious.

Next Wednesday the Millennium Exhibition Project reveals its business plan. The total cost for the jamboree at Greenwich is a projected £350 million (that's if you leave aside rumblings from the Labour Party and elsewhere that the actual costs could be at least double). A. modest £150 million must be found from the private sector — by next spring. As Mike Elrick, the exhibition's head of public relations, admits: "Nothing's committed at the moment. We are working to a tight schedule and everybody is aware of the clock ticking."

A day later, the Royal Opera House will launch its appeal for support for the redevelopment of its Covent Garden site. It needs to raise nearly £79 million to match its funding from the National Lottery, although it hasn't exactly been quick off the mark - its lottery award was announced 17 months ago. Some donations are already in place (the ROH declines to reveal how much) but Keith Cooper, the director of corporate affairs, observes that "there is a critical path where certain things can't happen

Art on London's Bankside. Already £62 million from the Millennium Commission and English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration agency, is in place. In the 30 months since the decision to develop the site was announced, the Tate has raised a further £23 million. In the next few months it needs to show that a further £45 million will-

Lottery money has provided much-needed funds for arts and cultural projects, but has turned us into a nation of beggars and pleaders. It has also produced the most hair-raising financial timeta-bles. Projects will doubtiess fall behind schedule, but deadlines simply cannot be missed. More bizarrely, the funding mechanisms might make it difficult to spend the money that is now available.

Awards made by the Millennium Commission must be matched by funding from elsewhere. There has to be a question-mark over whether the commission will be able to spend all the money it's got," one insider suggests. "It has El.6 billion banked up. If it applies the 50 per cent rule, £1.6 billion has to be found from other sources by the year 2000. I cannot believe there is

The Arts Council is upbeat about the situation. We've made commitments of just under £600 million," says Margaret Bolton, the organisation's lottery communications director, "contributing to projects whose total costs are £1.4 billion. So partnership funding is over 57 per cent of the total, way above our

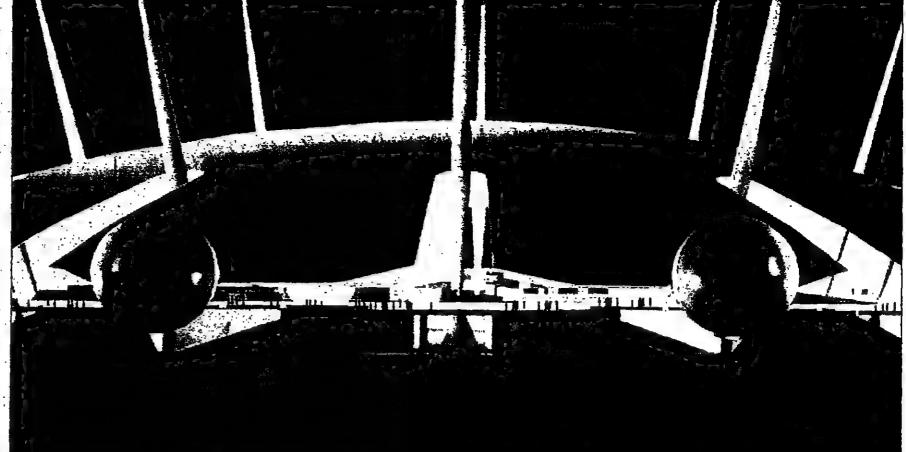
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Not that the moneys are actually all in place. The Theatre Royal in Bath, for instance, needed to raise £340,000 towards refurbishment. costs. Its reconstructed studio-space will open in January. The theatre is unless the money is there".

Consider, too, the Tate's development of a new Gallery of Modern of the country, the Brewery Arts



The clock is ticking for the proposed £350 million Greenwich Millennium Dome, for which £150 million must be found from the private sector — by next spring

Centre in Kendal, Cumbria, achieved its partnership funding of nearly £780,000 relatively easily. The projected rebuilding work has been put on hold, however, since the private trust which has provided the centre's core funding to date is withdrawing its support. In this instance, nearly £2 million of lottery money is in limbo. As lottery largesse is mostly restricted to capital projects, here is a classic case of a potentially gleaming venue with no wherewithal to keep

One imagines, too, that the fundraisers are now besieging the same philanthropists and corpora-

IMAGINE a blend of gigantic

spider and Mr Toad dressed as a washerwoman, and you have the look of Anna

tions. "We are all fishing in the same sea," says Dawn Austwick, project director of the Tate's Bankside development. "But people who want to give money to a modern gallery are different from those who'd want to give to the Royal Opera House or Sadler's Wells. We're pretty confident we're going to get there or thereabouts."
The fundraising strategy for the
Bankside project has followed a classic path: targeting wealthy individuals and trusts before turning to companies and corporations. Commercial organisations are generally unwilling to contribute to-wards capital costs — the

expenditure on bricks and mortar - and are more likely to sponsor an

actual exhibition or event. Chris Lever, director of communications at Sainsbury's, an established arts sponsor, admits that there is a keenly commercial aspect. "We wouldn't commit unless we were confident that we were joining a very successful and exciting enterprise that is going to strike a chord with a lot of people," he says. You can't argue with that. The trouble is that under the current legislation the private sec-tor has a crucial role in cultural funding without any real obligation

How might this extraordinary system be improved? In a preelection period (or in any other, for that matter), you will only utter the phrase "corporation tax for culture" if you want to appear eccentric. But there are other ways of smoothing the fundraising process. For each of the next five years, for instance, the Cameron Mackintosh Foundation will supply £100,000 as partnership funding for selected applications to the new Arts 4 Everyone scheme -- a modest but imaginative move which others

And there are frequent calls for the regulations governing the award of lottery cash to be applied more flexibly, so that certain projects might proceed with less partnership funding or perhaps none at all. There would be problems of selection, but a more measured strategy for the nation's cultural development would result.

A spokesman at the Department of National Heritage observes that, since most organisations raise their money without difficulty, there are no plans to make any changes to the requirements. Meanwhile, the fundraisers go on whistling for cash, hoping that the yawning gaps in their budgets will be filled before Easter. Watch those spaces.



Anna Manahan as Mag and Jane Brennan as Maureen

# Bubbling Irish black comedy into the conversation early on

The Beauty Queen of Lecnane

Duke of York's bic. The poisonous symbiosis of parent and child has been an Irish theme since Synge's Playboy of the Western World; shrewdness, a command of black comedy and a knack for but seldom if ever have I seen sustaining tension to an extent the venom fizzing about the astonishing in a writer in his stage to better dramatic effect than in Martin McDonagh's mid-twenties. You itch to know whether Lloyd Hutchin-McDonagh deserves his reson's affable Pato will lure Jane Brennan's Maureen cent award for the most promising dramatist of 1996 and his from spinster isolation in the dour Irish outback. You may play merits its move from the also catch yourself wondering if 20 years with her mother

ing the old girl on a diet of humpy Complan, plus biscuits as foul as the ones Beckett's Hamm shoves into the dustbins where he keeps his mother and father, is the least of Maureen's sins against the Fifth Commandment. You may well think that Mag's habit of dumping her urine into the kitchen sink deserves some such retaliation. But

parental destructiveness goes on to breed filial violence. Though I am not (I hope) in the business of revealing climaxes or denouements, I cannot resist pointing out that McDonagh has mastered the and is unlikely to drop menrions of boiling fat or pokers

without exploiting them later. nothing about her parents or Brennan's Maureen variher dead husband, Garry ously exudes frustration, an-Hynes's production leaves you ger, sexual yearning and, in her final moments, a glazed with a strong sense of the souldestroying world outside. A stupor worryingly reminiscent of the mother she has spent village so drear that kicking a cow can result in a 20-year the evening mocking and hatgrudge is, after all, likely to ing. An objection to the play might be that Mag is less fully breed monsters.

might emulate.

Nor is that all. Let the last

word go to Pato, who labours in England: "When it's there I am, it's here I wish I was; but when it's here I am, it isn't there I want to be, but I know it isn't here I want to be either." If McDonagh's play is about the difficulty of escaping a bad mother, it is also about escaping Mother Ireland. Given the precision, yet size of his horizons, can you doubt he is a talent to watch?

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**



CONCERTS: A religious work for the LSO; a trio of sisters; and carols in 18th-century style

# Lament on the cross

NOT everyone who hears The World's Ransoming on the latest Shell-LSO National Tour will share the faith that inspired the work. Few, on the other hand, will fail to respond to the passion in James Mac-Millan's Maundy Thursday meditation, and fewer still will fail at least to recognise it.

The first in a series of three pieces commissioned by the London Symphony Orchestra and relating, as the com-poser puts it, to the events and liturgies of the Easter triduum", it drives its final message home with a percussive gesture as brutal as knocking large nails into a

very solid piece of wood. In musical terms, The World's Ransoming is a lament for cor anglais and orchestra based on plainsong melodies and a Bach chorale. The solo part - written specifically for the LSO's principal cor anglais, Christine Pendrill, who played in the first performance in July and who is inseparable from the present tour - is most expressively and beautifully written bly perhaps, the song of the swan on the waters of Tuonela. But that is confined largely to the outer sections. The middle section, though curiously lacking in a progres sive impulse, is highly coling a round of applause from oured and powerfully drama-

tic in a manner now recalling the religious paroxysms of Olivier Messiaen. It is no less characteristic of James Mac-Millan for that, and no less convincingly fervent.

The box-office compensa-

tion, which certainly proved useful in Manchester, was Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Whether or not Sir Colin Davis has anything specific to say about that work, his approach seems to be to allow it to generate its own tensions rather than to impose preconceptions on it. If so, it worked most effectively from the oboe solo onwards in the first

movement, and in some of the more inward and eerie passages in the middle movements, but scarcely at all in the

The piece combines human

It was in the finale too that, in the Bridgewater Hall at least, Steven Isserlis's account of Schumann's Cello Concerto fell short of making the fullscale impact. The sound was just too slender at some crucial points in the construction. But compared with the exquisitely realised poetic aspects of the interpretation, the lack of weight mattered little.

# Musical mismatch of temperament

THE Bekova Sisters, a piano imagination in equal meatrio from Kazakhstan, are to be congratulated on donating one of their rare South Bank performances for a concert in aid of the North London Hospice, which provides care free of charge to terminally-ill patients.

haven't turned her into a

Little is heard of the sisters in London these days. Since the initial interest in their exotic escape from Soviet Ka-

### zakhstan nearly ten years ago. their playing alone has not GERALD LARNER succeeded in gripping the

Early carols for Christmas AUDIENCE participation at early music concerts is rapidly becoming the latest manifestation of "authenticity", whether in the singing of chorales or. , as on this occasion, gallery carols. At least some members of the audience at St John's Smith Square, had been learning about this parochial music in a manner recalling, inevita-bly perhaps, the song of the organised by Peter Holman. director of the Parley of Instruments. These initiates joined in lustily with three 18th century versions of Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, earn-

Indeed, the occasion was an informal one, with Holman introducing the settings and the Parley of Instruments and Psalmody, a small choir, performing in an honest and slightly earnest manner that aptly reflected the style of the music. For much of the 18th century, the only carol widely accepted by the Anglican Church was While Shepherds Watched and, consequently, we were treated to a handful of

settings of that text. Amateur choirs, which were introduced to improve standards of singing in church,

were often supported by what-

ever instrumentalists the parish could muster. These musicians accompanied the singers in various combinations and played the derivative, sub-Handelian introductions and interludes between the verses of the carols.

It was fascinating to catch a glimpse of a musical tradition long defunct, superseded by the explosion of hymn-like carol-settings in the Victorian era, but the music is secondrate, and a concert dedicated to the theme was about as much as I could take.

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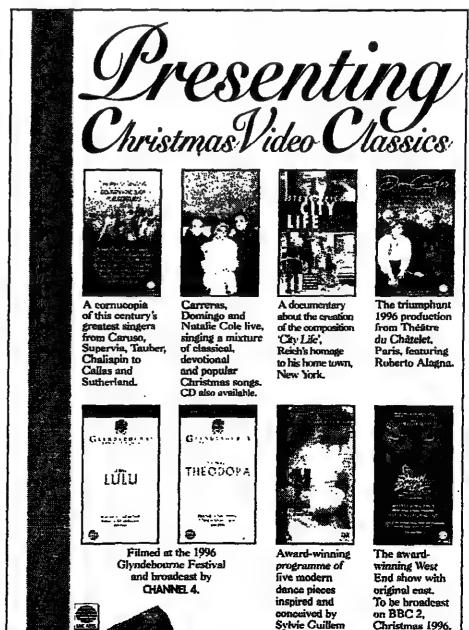
sure. There is too little incen-tive to go out of one's way to listen to playing which can be so volatile and unsearching as that which the Queen Elizabeth Hall heard on Monday.

To choose such a popular programme as Haydn's Gypsy Rondo Trio, Brahms's Op 114 Trio and Tchaikovsky's A minor Trio is to invite both conscious and subconscious comparison in any musicallyliterate audience. The Bekovas' Haydn is shaped by generalised, old-style gentility which totally ignores the in-sights into details of balance, phrasing and articulation revealed by some two decades of period performance. It seldom rises above the anodyne.

Both here and in the Brahms there was also an uneasy mismatch of musical temperament. Blood ties are no guarantee of successful musical chemistry, and the ardent cello of Alfia Bekova. the refined, circumspect violin of Elvira, and the shallowtoned and pedestrian pianism of Eleonora sit awkwardly together.

The sisters were happiest in the Tchaikovsky. But the hos-

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A 17th-century Tarot deck's Fool

n Monmouth Street, London, an occult shop called Mysteries offers for sale more than one hundred different Tarot packs. Some of these packs are designs from Renaissance Italy. Others are 18th-century French. There is the famous 1910 British Rider deck, which for the first time illustrates the pip cards. There is the rather sinister Aleister Crowley dark magic version. and a multiplying number of New Age fantasy decks; these are often banal and badly drawn but they do indicate a continuing fascination with and market for the Jeu et magie of Cartomancie.

It was in France, enjoying in the 18th century its Age of Enlightenment, that the Italian trick-taking cards of Tarrochi began to be used for fortune-telling. Scrying and prediction were already popular, and occult theories of all kinds ere as much talked about in fashionable circles as the radicalism of Rousseau and the advances of science. Then, as now, an overemphasis on rationalism and materialism, a world with man and not God as its likely centre, seems to have demanded a psychic compensation in a

rush towards mysticism.

Of particular interest was the notion of ancient knowledge or intuition, which found a focus in Napoleonic Egyptomania (a phenomenon that was not dissimi-

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difficult questions: What were the original meanings, exoteric and esoteric, of the 22 painted trumps? Why has the Tarot continued to exercise its imtive hold on very different minds in different cultures since the Renaissance

Our authors answer the first part of the first question simply. Symbols such as The Emperor, The Hanged Man. Death, Judgment, and so on had ordinary meanings to their early audiences which they no longer have to us. meanings might have been are too glib.

When it comes to the possible secret meanings of the trumps, we find that the real purpose of this book is to demonstrate that none was ever intended, and that the subsequent occultism of the Tarot is a fraud, a delusion, a genuine mistake or just a hobby for the feebleminded. Naturally enough then, the

second question can only be answered

negatively in so much as it is answered -

or even asked at ail.

I do not doubt, and it has been told elsewhere, just how much chicanery there has been around the Tarot. Many of its famous names have altered some of its symbols, rearranged the order of the trumps, and offered up startling visual interpretations of the original pictures Much of what has been written about the Tarot since the 18th century is contradic-

tory and waylaid with hocus-pocus.

isn't that true of every religious or mystical impulse? If no one is bothering to reinvent the Christian faith any longer, that is probably a sign of its exhaustion. A spiritual idea that is still numinous. Whatever we think of it, changes and develops: is now a heresy, is then a dogma, attracts new ideas, some banal, some profound. Above all, it

I take Jung's view that whatever endures in the human psyche needs to be studied on its own terms and by its own rules, however unruly. It is no good trying to show us by laborious detail how silly we are to have kept Tarot alive as a psychic symbol. We have. Surely that is what matters?

There is plenty in this book about "mere intuition" and no feeling at all for why one might be able to-use the Tarot intuitively. This is as odd as talking about meals one has never eaten; no -amount of recipe reading or laboratory analysis of the ingredients can explain or explain away the final dish. If the style is dull it may be because the authors have never found the time to sit at table with a wicked pack of cards.

Jeanette Winterson's novel, Gut Symmetries, will be published next month by Granta.

# Great footsteps followed

Louis MacNeice visited lceland, and collaborated on the wonderfully fluent and utterly delightful hodgepodge of prose, poetry and (strictly amateur) photog-raphy called *Letters from Ice*land, published the following year. It was actually a momentous book, both of its moment and going well beyond it. Sixty years on, it is still an unmixed oleasure to read

Now, Simon Armitage and Glyn Maxwell, both avowed admirers of Auden's in particular, have been to locland this time at the invitation of the BBC — partly as a homage, partly. I imagine, as a dare. I missed the programme, which went out on Radio 3 last year: here.

Michael Hofmunn

MOON COUNTRY Further Reports from lceland By Simon Armitage and

Glyn Maxwell

Faber, £7.99

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though, is the book, Moon Country, with a spectacular

sapphire-and-ice cover. Perhaps unsurprisingly there is no individual piece with the substance of Auden's Letter to Lord Byron or MacNeice's Ecologue from Iceland. In fact, there doesn't seem to be that much verse in the book, and what there is tends to be short, thin and (both senses) strained. Perhaps - and who could blame them? — the poets got cold feet. though, is the lighter side of the project — the recording of fun, pleasure in one another's company, reaching out to a

sympathetic audience. The main vehicle for this is Armitage's diary of the trip. Dubbing himself Petersson and Maxwell Jamesson d l'Icelandaise, he describes in amusing if prefab prose the flying and driving and drinking and interviewing. When seasickness put him out of commission for the whole nine hours of a trawler trip, Max-



Good becoming moderate or poor, perhaps gale 8 later: southeast Iceland from The Shipping Forecast, by Mark Power (Zelda Cheatle Press, £19.95)

well gallantly takes over in approved style: Jamesson of the BBC. You've obviously got to start fishing in a few minutes, so how do you feel?"

Glyn Maxwell's main contribution is the really rather exhilarating verse play, Harald and the Lonely Hearts. He has, for instance, a chorus of a million young Icelanders even though there are only a quarter of a million, all told! hanging out in Reykjavik of a

Friday night: There's nowhere to go in our capital town!/ It's here or it's bedtime, it's here hands down!/ We'll talk about chat about stuff about talk/ By the

deas have consequences; but rarely those expected or hoped for, and never

writings on intellectual hist-

ory. Isaiah Berlin has illumi-

nated the ways in which ideas

- in politics, philosophy and

religion - escape their au-

thors' control and work to

confound the view of the world

In previous writings, he has

shown how the philosophy of

Hume, which was meant to inculcate a civilised scepti-

cism, became in Germany -

in the writings of Johann

Hamann and others - one of

the principal sources of fide-

ism. glorifying faith and reve-

lation and spurning human

In one of the nine hitherto

unpublished essays on topics

and thinkers as diverse as

reason.

they were meant to express.

light of the moon and the songs of Bjork."
That sort of jaunty depreca-

tion is the main note of Moon Country, more collective credibility than personal authority. Both poets are at their most persuasive when they say: "Read me, I am just like you!" The Thirties poets somehow

managed to be both. Auden. addressing the shade of Yeats, said: "You were silly like us". Silliness isn't a problem, either then or now. But in the Thirties, they had at least the temporary conviction of their convictions. Not now.

I suppose this is the temper of the times: we are debunk-

ing, fogitive, ingratizing, ciever. Simon Armitage spots a three-volume Ornithology of iceland, which presumably doubled as a menu"; Maxwell's Greens - sounding Like Red Indians — say: "Caucasians bad, Cetaceans good." As far as it goes, it can't really.

In the natural sciences, no

be bettered.

# When ideas turn into their opposites

John Gray

THE SENSE OF REALITY Studies in Ideas and their History By Isaiah Berlin

Edited by Henry Hardy With an introduction by Patrick Gardiner Chasto & Windus, £20 ISBN 0701165790

socialism, the Romantic movement and Rabindranath Tagore that are collected in this He may have had other engrossingly readable volreasons for turning to intellecume, Berlin explains how the tual history. Abstract philoaustere philosophy of Kant sophical reasoning cannot was one of the unfamiliar capture in any system the sources of nationalism. varieties of human experience. Thus," he observes. "do ideas Perhaps, in turning to the history of ideas. Berlin was turn into their opposites." only pursuing philosophy by other - and better - means.

Berlin has said that he gave up philosophy because he realised he would never be By comparison with historifirst-rate in the subject that ans, dramatists and novelists, was coming to be its core philosophers have not been logic. His account testifies notably good at understandchiefly to his innate modesty. ing intractable conflict in hu-

man life. From Socrates onwards, they have succumbed to the idea that such conflict is - in the end - illusory. By contrast, Berlin's master-idea is that ethical conflicts between uncombinable goods and unavoidable evils, between conflicting but equally valid claims of right - are real and ultimate. He does not greatly admire the project of theodicy, which is to represent the evils and tragedies of human life as necessary parts

in a perfect whole. Like the great 19th-century Russian liberal Alexander Herzen, whom he so admires, Berlin is suspicious of the very idea of perfection. His writings on political thought reflect this suspicion: in this volume's title essay and in another on Political Judgment, Berlin questions the common view that what distinguishes the Utopian mind in politics is its vain

defiance of inescapable laws.

doubt, those who flout well attested laws are rightly regarded as cranks. But in politics and ordinary life, it is the opposite error that distinguishes the crank. It is excessive faith in laws and methods derived from different disciplines - from natural science, engineering or eco-nomics — that marks out the Utopian mind in polities. Utopians are not those who rebel against iron laws. They are those who think they have found such laws when in human affairs there are none. In a droll turnabout, the

Utopian mind has lately found a home on the Right. The ineluctable necessities of the market have replaced the inexorable laws of history which captivated an earlier generation of ideologues. Who could have foreseen that in the closing decades of the 20th century the world would be ruled by a species of conserva-

tive Utopianism? Yet a smattering of history suggests that the tenure in power of so doctrinaire a turn of mind is unlikely to be long. For anyone who reads these subtle, impassioned and playful essays, the ironies of our present condition will seem ss unfamiliar, and more like unnumbered moments in the past when ideas have turned

gives his soul for Wales

Poet who

ed country ever since the English-Welsh Caught in the crossfire of the battle for the soul of the nation. are two literatures which are perilously close to the point of cancelling each other out.

Furious Interiors examines this internicide — as a historiography of Wales and unofficial biography of Wales's greatest living poet, R.S. Thomas, who has embodied the conflict for the latter half of the 20th century. Justin Wintle is an Englishman who now lives in Wales and brings to: the discussion both distance and empathy for his subject.

One suspects, reading this, that the heirs of the now defunct Nonconformist chapel society redeployed themselves into the media and academe. They canvass for the Weish language with the same evangelical fervour as their foretathers. Weish has become the new religion. It is the subject of particular, the Anglican

vicar who preaches in verse... For other admirers of Wales, from Arnold to Amis, the language is also the prob-lem. While Matthew Arnold conceded that the English could do with an infusion of Celtic temperament, Weish language," he said, "is the curse of Wales". And what

Is risible to Kingsley Amis are the bilingual signs like taxi/taxsi. Prejudices are quotidian: "Never ask for directions in Wales, Baldrick," says Blackadder. You'll be washing spit out of your hair for a What the high priests of Welsh do in the face of this hostility is to "cast out" such

writers from the canon, or put a hex on them; black spots and voodoo dolls. R. S. s response was to create an art out of resentment. His poetry is tribal propaganda and Wintle offers a detailed and insightful analysis of that work. Else-where, with his friend Ianto Owens, Wintle goes searching for his "quarry" on foot. Like Quixote and Sancho they try to unravel illusion from reality. In pubs they listen to people describing R. S. as an isolate, a misanthrope who deliberately blocks country lanes with his old Mini.

hatever R. S.'s condi-tion is, there is no doubt that it has come about by being in Wales. Over five decades he has created an emotional correspondence with its harsh landscape, adopted nationalism and forced all through narrow aperture. Racist attitudes sit alongside his search for grace. As with Ezra Pound, whose fascist sympathies, rather than eclipsing his work, generated exigencies - so too with Thomas, whose Modernism clashes head-on with political and religious fundamentalism.

R.S.'s curacies terminated in the Lleyn peninsula, where the peasants suffer like God's subjects are meant to. The Welsh are the chosen race. But no sooner does R.S. glimpse Eden before the Fall — in the mountains, in a bird of prey, in a peasant at work - than it is lost when an English tourist

His invective against England has always been perplexing. He was married to an upper-class Englishwoman for 50 years, sent his son to public school over the border and wrote in the "thin" language he so vilifies, while castigating other Welsh writRussell Celyn Jones

**FURIOUS** INTERIORS Wales, R. S. Thomas : . and God By Justin Winde HarperCollins, £20 ISBN 000 2555719

ers who work in English as having "sinned against their own nation". In 1990 he goes on record as saying that he will give no more interviews in English; then in 1995, when he is nominated by the Arts Council for the Nobel Prize for literature, gives quite a few. A pacifist he writes praise poems for warriors like Owain Glyndwr.

These seem not so much contradictions as bald-faced hypocrisies. But where the poetry is concerned, such tenargues that his work has depended on two negatives: that Wales is a lost nation, and .a God bevond :

absconditus Since the history of Wales is so vital to R. S., Wintle offers a summary of every prince and

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bard, and every major event up until the end of the 20th century to have had an effect on Wales. And it is the 20th century R.S. blames for "destroying what was left of the Middle Ages in Wales". Wintle officiates: "R. S.'s love of Wales implies a history that in its simplicity never was." The Welsh have always collaborated in their assimilation, from the Norman Conquests to the American entertainment col-

onisation of our times. in the final analysis. R.S. Thomas sits outside all movements and schools. His exactitude has as much to do with Latin phrasing and his reading of English poets as his deep knowledge of Welsh prosody. And despite his stance against the world, the world reads admiringly. Furious Interiors is a scholarly yet lucid biography of this major poet and it is hard to imagine a better one being written.

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# Dressed not just to kill

**Hardy Amies** 

admires the

splendid variety of the soldier's dress

down the ages

This book is as beautifully tailored as are the uniforms it describes. It is as orderly as a military parade. It is composed of just under 300 pages, of which one third is given to the listing

The author, Scott Hughes Myerly, is presumably a Harvard man. One gets the precision of words and the sensitive research we expect from an

American academician.

Although writing about the military scene, with many aspects of which we have been brought up.

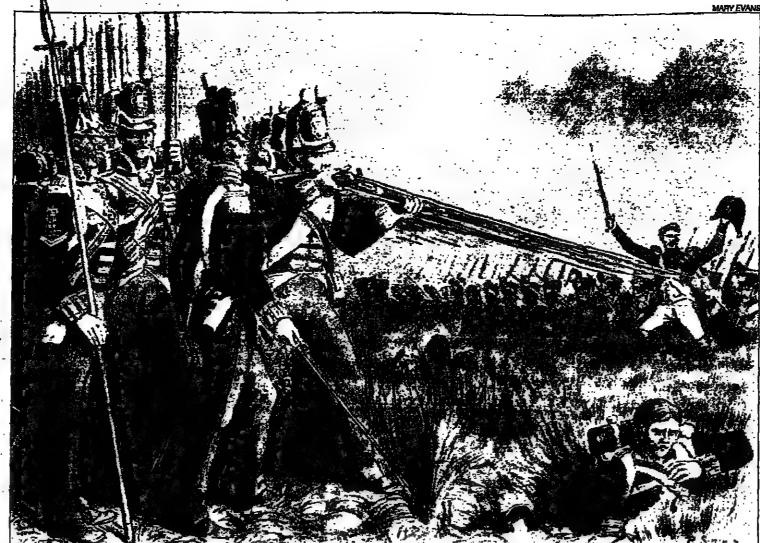
which we have been brought up, there are some fascinating bits of information. Did you know that the word "tight", meaning drunk, is "a tailor's slang expression that has survived from the early 19th century, equating the tightness of military dress with drunkenness. It is interesting to read how powerful was the influence of the colonel of a regiment himself, particularly on the taste of the uniform. There was tremendous competition. "Height requirements also influenced decisions on promotion. Promising or deserving soldiers were often prevented from attaining higher rank because commanders liked to promote tail, good-looking men." Fascinating it is to read that the expression nating it is to read that the expression being dressed to the nines" originated in the impressive sartorial appearances of the Ninety-Ninth Foot of the

> Informative trouble is taken in describing all details of dress. There appears to have been no guidance from a War Office. But the King was the supreme commander. Interest in the details of the uniform varied with the Sovereigns. "The Royal Georges, especially, tended to put appearance before their troops' need for practical

The book emphasises the difference between service and parade dress. Service dress became important during the Crimean War.

Otherwise the book is full of the most meticulous descriptions of parade dress. This, of course, interested. the Regent, subsequently George IV. We all know how friendly he was with Beau Brummel

We are told firmly that military dress does not concern itself with fashion and that the wearing of uniform is controlled by those who wield authority. The fact is that display was clearly helped by the horses. The long torso of the tall Guardsman looks undentably spien-



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In the 19th century, appearance was often put before the need for practical military dress: infantry of the Napoleonic era, circa 1810

did on a horse. The cavalry uniform was, of course, controlled by the sleeve of the traditional riding coat. The narrow shaped sleeve was cut high in the armhole, remaining neat when holding reins.

in his usual thorough way, our author does not neglect the Infantry. It is stated that "Khaki" was introduced in 1849 for the East India Company unit. He can say that the British Army provided one of the best military shows in Europe. He also points out that the privates' pay of a shilling a day did not deter recruiting: the bait was clearly the attractive and seductive uniform. He quotes
Jane Austen's Lydia Bennett, but not
Mrs Bennett who herself recalls: "I
remember the time I liked a red coat myself very well - and indeed so I do still in my heart."

Red coats do not stop him from telling of the need of drink to placate the other ranks. The rum ration was distributed every day before breakfast and "alcoholism was so widespread that those who did not drink were often ostracised by their fel-

BRITISH MILITARY SPECTACLE From the Napoleonic Wars through the Crimea By Scott Hughes Myerly Harvard University Press, £23,50 ISBN 0 674 08249 4

lows". Such a statement is typical of the author's wish to present the Army warts and all. But the large picture is one of great splendour and use.

Use is illustrated by the description of riots in the chapter "Civil Disor-der" — called in to help the police. It was sometimes found that other ranks sided with the rioters. But mostly the Army was an instrument of law and order. Its great weapon was display. But the discipline at its heart created the victories of the Napoleopic and Crimean Wars.

The martial and admired orderly life produced the Salvation Army army, be is noted — and for the young, the Boys' Brigade — brigade

> from the Taoiseach, Albert In early 1994, Gerry Adams

applied for an American visa.

He was asked to renounce

violence and to endorse the

loint declaration. Failing on

both counts, he received the

visa anyway. The idea, it seems, was to bolster Adams

in his bargaining with the IRA command, and indeed, a

ceasefire was announced sev en months later, though a

ceasefire was already on the

cards. From then on, Irish

policy was taken over by the

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never produced its quid. In-

stead, Adams, like Oliver,

asked for more. And he got it Through the following

months, the Clinton White

House made one concession

after another, often backing

away from its own conditions,

until Adams became the green

apple of the Washington eye.
"Time and again," writes

O'Clery, "the Administration

ceded to the demands of

White House,

noted. Even Mrs Beeton was bitten by the military bug. She informed her readers that — as with the commander of an army or the leader of any enterprise, so it is with a house: standing orders, inspections, orders for the day and regularity.

It is in his admiration for display

that our painstaking author is at his best. He sees all parades as a show of power, arousing strong national pride. The Guards, headed by The Blues (the Royal Horse Guards), are the stars. Today a visit to Hyde Park, to the area between the Serpentine and the barracks, will reward you with a pang of pride at the sight of the gleaming breastplates and horsehair flowing from the helmets. On your way to the park you may have to wrestle with the crowds outside Buckingham Palace waiting to see

the Changing of the Guard.

Funerals like that of the Duke of Wellington in 1852 were an inspiration. It interested me to have it pointed out that Queen Victoria requested in her will that she have a military funeral.

I fear I have produced inadequate examples to prove to you that this is a most entertaining and scholarly work. Charm comes with the author's pleasure in anecdotes; for example, in describing the very high and tight collar which was at the neck of the body-fitting tunic, we are told that not only was this "stock" made of whalebone but sometimes of metal. It must at times have been uncomforiably right. But we are also told that the soldiers liked it tight. It helped them to hold their heads up.

Beguiled by the immaculate white breeches on the cover one cannot help wondering what was worn under-neath. The venerable Cunnington's The History of Underclothes is not very good on military gear. Long pants certainly. "Y"-fronted jockey shorts were a few years off. They would not do. There would be UPL. What's that? Ugly panty line, of

Sir Hardy Amies's The Englishman's Suit is published by Quartet, priced £14.

# Of siblings and success

rank Sulloway, a re-search scholar at MIT, is justly renowned for his book Freud: Biologist of the Mind, which was published in 1979. His new book seeks to answer an important question. How is it that some men and women of genius have the courage to reject contemporary paradigms and revolutionise the way we think? Have innovators such as Copernicus and Darwin anything in common? Why is it that some people eagerly embrace new discoveries, while others de-

fend the status quo? Sulloway has investigated one particular characteristic of the highly original, As Alfred Adler claimed during the early years of this century;

important. Sulloway af-firms that the majority of inlater-born children. Human beings, like other ani-

By Frank Little, Brown, £30 ISBN 0316881791

mals, usually the family resources in firstborn children. As a result, first-born children tend to be conservative, socially dominant, and content with currently accepted beliefs. The later-born, being less favoured, are more likely to feel that they have to prove their worth by being differ-ent. This hypothesis also seeks to explain why children sharing the same parents are often surprisingly different from one another. It is easy to find excep-

tions to Sulloway's thesis. Few individuals have been so revolutionary in their thinking or had so great an impact upon the world as Newton, Einstein and Freud. Yet all were firstborn sons.

Newton was a sickly, premature baby, whose father had died before he was born, and whose mother remarried when he was three, leaving him in the care of his grandmother. Sulloway suggests that Newton's resentment at this treatment accounts for his not exhibiting the usual pattern of first-born behavborn child of his parents: a sister followed two and a half years later. Einstein was one of the most original and revolutionary scientists ever born, but he does not conform to Sulloway's pattern, and Sulloway does not

venture an explanation. Freud was the first-born of his mother, but not of his father, since Amalia was his father's third wife. She subsequently bore seven more children, but Sigmund Freud remained her indisputable favourite, and Freud himself attributed his inner confidence in his originality to her continuing

However, exceptions prove the rule, and these examples, striking as they are, do not invalidate Sullo-

contention

about the dif-ferences be-

tween first and

subsequent

Anthony Storr **BORN TO** 

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children, which he sup ports by a fortity of research and a mass of statistics. But Sulloway's concentra-

tion on birth order is limiting. Creative innovation is also spurred by temperamental traits and personal peculiarities. Sulloway points out that the parents of Charles Dickens sent his elder sister to the Royal School of Music, but dispatched him to work in a blacking factory: a humiliation which may partially have motivated him to write as a way of proving his worth. But it is also the case that Dickens had the temperament of a manic-de-pressive. He had to be ceaselessly overactive, writing two books at once, acting, editing, or going for 20-mile walks. If he was idle, he relapsed into depression. Many writers have been driven in similar

Sulloway's huge book is a valuable contribution to the study of creativity, but birth order is only one of a large number of different factors which inspire originality and fuel rebellion against

# And Irish eyes were smiling

Raymond Seitz

THE GREENING OF THE WHITE HOUSE By Conor O'Clery Gill & Macmillan, £12.99 ISBN 0717124916

inis book is essential reading for every serious student of musichall diplomacy. The author, Conor O'Clery of The Irish Times, was the only Irish journalist accredited to the White House from 1992 to 1995, and he thus enjoyed a front row seat at the rollicking. long-running Gerry Adams With commendable dispas-

sion, O'Clery reconstructs the interplay of Irish and American politics, and the triumph of Sinn Fein in the Clinton presidency. For many years, the responsible Irish lobby in America had distinguished between the democratic, constitutional parties in Northern Ireland and the advocates of violence. The Friends of Ire-land in the Unites States Congress more or less lumped together Sinn Fein and the IRA. And Irish issues seemed pretty parochial when set within the great global context of the Cold War.

All this started to unravel in the 1992 presidential campaign when candidate Clinton made a series of sympathetic promises to the more vociferous East Coast supporters of Irish republicanism. Within a year of his inauguration, he

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perception of her father in the

Depression-ridden back roads

of Ontario, to the subtle psy-

chology of Vandals, a recent

lute specificity.



Clinton and Adams meet in Falls Road. Belfast, 1995

was called to account. After all, circumstances had changed. London and Dublin signed their joint declaration in December 1993, and Her Majesty's Government had already conducted secret exchanges with Sinn Fein.

But as O'Clery points out, the critical difference came with the cast of characters who assembled on the new Irish stage. Most important of these was John Hume, the SDLP leader, who vouched for the sincerity of Gerry Adams's newfound commitment to

Second in importance was the Kennedy connection: Senator Ted, whose own re-election prospects were in some doubt; Sister Jean, by now American Ambassador in Dublin, where her single-minded mission to unify Ireland caused an embassy rebellion (she described the retired terrorist Joe Cahill as "loveable and funny"); and former Kennedy aide Nancy Soderberg, ensconced as a senior White House adviser. The Kennedy circuit was first activated by Hume, then by the energetic Irish lobby and

finally by winks and nods

Adams's promoters on the grounds that to do otherwise would risk unravelling the O'Clery's rendering of

events is faithful and serious. But after describing Climon's triumphal tour of Ireland, and the climactic Docklands bomb ten weeks later, his narrative trails off. In the end, O'Clery seems reluctant to draw the conclusion which his own And the first among these is

a cardinal rule of diplomacy: don't give unless you get.

# Her small but perfect worlds

iece, in which young Liza and Warren, sent to check on the empty house of friends, destroy it. In Lichen, Stella's exhusband David comes to visit with his girlfriend, Catherine. and with whispered details about the woman for whom he plans to leave Catherine. The tenderness and bitterness of the story's characters seep through their exchanges and linger after the story ends. Munro perhaps describes

own endeavour best

through the narrator of Material, a woman who reads a story by her ex-husband Hugo, which features a character based on a woman they knew in the early days of their marriage: "There is Dotty, lifted out of life and held in light, suspended in the marvellous clear jelly that Hugo has spent all his life learning how to make. It is an act of magic, there is no getting around it it is an act, you might say, of a special unspar-

ing, unsentimental love."This. truly, is Munro's gift. The only sadness about this

volume is that it does not contain all of Munro's stories, and that it includes no previously unpublished work. Nor does it offer any introduction by the author. Munro is present only in her unique style, which exemplifies the ideal set by her companion in greatness, Eudora Welty Style ought to be, Welty wrote, "like the smoke from a fired cannon, like the ring in the water after the fish is pulled out or jumps back in". And the ripples of Munro's words, at once soothing and exciting, are glorious to behold.

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# Goss proves point for underdogs in Atlantic

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

PETE GOSS, in his 50ft, Adrian Thompson-designed Aqua Quorum, has climbed back to eighth place in the Vendee Globe single-handed non-stop round-the-world race and is now ahead of five 60st pursuers, two of whom had to restart after technical problems.

Goss is a long way behind the leading yacht, Christophe Auguin's Geodis, which is almost 2,000 miles southeast of him across the South Atlantic and which was yesterday battling 50 knots of wind in the Roaring Forties after being knocked down on

Tuesday. Yet, in the last 24 hours. struggling in light airs to the north of Tristan da Cunha, Goss has moved ahead of his nearest rivals. Catherine Chabaud, on Whirlpool Europe 2. Patrick de Europe 2, Patrick de Radigues, on Afibel, and Raphael Dinelli, on Algimouss.

This is a good performance from Goss, who cannot hope realistically to compete on terms with the best of the Open 60s that dominate the field. However, he still feels he can do better and puts his relatively low position down less to the inherent disadvantages of a 50ft yacht than to through the Canaries and then the Doldrums.

in a radio call yesterday, he said he regarded the race proper as just about to begin as he prepared to join the leaders in the Roaring Forties for the ride round to Cape Horn. "I feel frustrated I haven't been able to show what Aqua Quo-rum can do," he said. "I feel our place should be up in the

second group."
Three boats are already out of the race, leaving 13 still sailing. The latest casualty, Isabelle Autissier on her new Finot-designed 60, PRB, has already made it into Cape Town, where a replacement rudder will be fitted. She was forced to retire on Sunday when lying in second place, but is planning to set off again to complete a circumnavigation. However, she will be unclassified in the race because she has stopped.

Alan Lee on the impressive authority of Australia's Test captain

# Taylor measures up to leading role

n the warm afterglow of a second victory over West Indies inside a fortnight, Mark Taylor could legitimately have claimed his Australia side need only to draw the Christmas Test match in Melbourne to retain the Frank Worrell Trophy. But not a bit of it. "I don't like drawn Tests." he said yesterday. "I'm only thinking that we must win at least three."

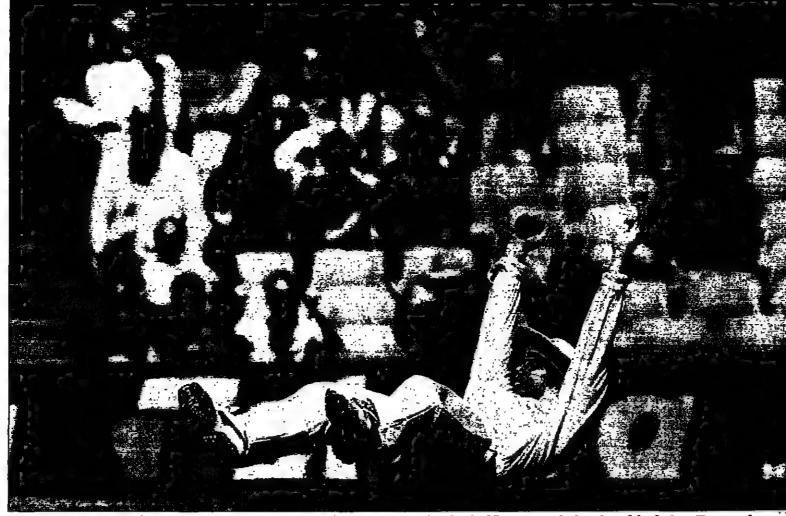
Nothing could better have captured the approach of a man who may come to be regarded among the greatest of Test captains and the most positive of any in the modern era. International cricket has never been so competitive or so demanding of its teams and their leaders, but Taylor is refreshing in all that he does. He even managed to sound annual limited-overs merrygo-round that starts in Melbourne tomorrow.

It is easy to forget that Taylor, 32, has been in charge for only two years, making him a comparative junior among Test captains. In that time he has won series against England, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, before the blip of a one-off defeat in India. Now, he has West Indies on the ropes in a way that no other team has managed for two decades.

Taylor needs to win this series well, however, for two reasons. Right now, his country is more concerned about the Worrell Trophy, for which they had to wait so long, than the Ashes, about which they have become complacent. But if reasserting their supremacy over the West Indies is a priority, it is also a requirement, in confidence and credibility terms, at the start of a cluttered calendar that, come February 1998, will have seen Australia play 21 Tests in 16

This is a heavy workload, even allowing for the fact that Australia's cricketers now play very little domestically. Taylor is facing it with a highly organised mind and, although he admits that he is finding the demands on his time even greater than he had imagined. he has set a clear itinerary for himself and Australian cricket in a way, perhaps, that his predecessor. Allan Border.

immense, for he took over a team in disarray and



Taylor is ecstatic after claiming an extraordinary, juggling slip catch to dismiss Carl Hooper on the last day of the Sydney Test match

gradually gave it self-belief by the strength of his own will to win. Moreover, he sustained it for ten years, spanning 93 Test matches, and now he is about to start his next mission for Australian cricket by coaching their under-19 side in Pakistan early next year. Throughout his time.

though, there was an impres-sion that Border was doing it on sufferance. Bob Simpson, the team coach until earlier this year, agrees. "Border and Taylor are very different people who so about the captaincy in different ways," Simpson said. "Border was a reluctant captain who gradu-ally grew into the job, Taylor is a confident young man who desperately wanted to be Australian captain." Taylor inherited a success

ful side, but he has imposed Border's achievements were himself upon it with authority. without being authoritarian. His talents lie in communica-

tion, both around his team and more widely, and in the anticipation that marks so many of his on-field tactics. There are lucky captains and there are gifted ones. The blessed are those who have some of each and Taylor appears to be among them.

abitually, his more implausible bowling . changes are rewarded, such as when Steve Waugh broke down in mid-over in Brisbane and Taylor threw the ball to Ricky Ponting, a serious bowler only in his imagination. Immediately, Ponting produced a perfect inswinger to dismiss Jimmy Adams leg-

His field changes draw equal admiration, the latest of them being to shift Glenn McGrath 15 yards to his left on the square-leg boundary, the ball before Courtney Walsh swung him a catch to finish the Sydney Test. McGrath was man of the match but first he had to face a withering stare from Taylor for drooping two catches earlier in the day. He may be fair and shrewd but Taylor is no pussy-cat.

What everyone accepts is his honesty and chivalry. Several times, he has ruled out slip or wicketkeeping catches that would have been contentious if left to the umpires. He did it again in this latest Test and, when it was over, he marched his men up the visiting team's steps of the Sydney pavilion to shake hands with every West Indian player.

If Taylor has a problem it is his batting and he admits his concentration is "lousy". He will have another new opening partner in Melbourne. Matthew Elliott now being ruled out for two months by his knee injury, and Taylor's lack of a big score will become a focus for the perennial game of finding a flaw in a captain's. make-up. This one, certainly.

# Lee and Slater play against England A

one of the most demanding assignments of their Australian tour when they took on New South Wales in the first of two one-day matches at the

SCG today. New South Wales, denied the services of Mark Taylor, Mark and Steve Waugh\_and Michael Bevan through injury and commitments with the Australia squad for the World Series Cup, still managed to pick a powerful side.

It includes the all-rounder, Shane Lee, and opening batsman, Michael Slater, both members of Australia's World Cup squad that lost in the final to Sri Lanka, and the former Test all-rounder. Greg

"We are well aware that these two one-day matches

throughout the tour," David Graveney, the England A manager, said. "We are approaching it as a two-match one-day series and winning them both will greatly improve the opinion people have over here of English cricket."

The Lancashire opening batsman, Jason Gallian, out with a cracked right index finger since November 18, was due to have a net session before the match but seemed. more likely to return for the second game in Wollongong on Saturday. Dean Headley, the fast bowler, was expected to play after ten days' rest. BYGLAND A (trom): A J Hollicete (caspain), M A Busher, M P Vaughen, J E R Geller, A McGraft, D A Shart, M A Saftern, Chihae, WK Hogo, AF Glies, G Chappie, D W Headiny, P M Such, A J Herria.
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# victory inspired by dazzling Saolei-Saglain

By Our Sports Staff

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ, the off spinner, claimed figures of five for 44 to bring Pakistan an Il-run victory over New Zealand in the opening oneday international in Gujranwala yesterday. The 20-year-old off spinner

returned his best figures in limited-overs cricket as New Zealand, chasing Pakistan's 228 for eight in 46 overs, were dismissed for 217 in 45.4 overs in a match reduced to 46 overs a side because the sun was shining in the batsmen's eyes at the scheduled start of play.

Saglain dismantled the brittle New Zealand batting to put his side 1-0 up in the threematch series. Bryan Young, the opener, was top scorer for the touring side with a fluent 58 off 93 balls while Stephen Fleming and Chris Cairns each contributed 36.

Pakistan, batting first after winning the toss, were helped to a respectable total by halfcenturies from Salim Malik and Wasim-Akram, the captain, Salim, named man of the match, made an unbeaten 73, including a six and six fours, off 78 balls. It was his 41st half-century in his 247th oneday international. Wasim's 52 took his run tally in one-day Internationals past 2,000 runs in his 215th game.

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE COURSPONDENT

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I led the ace of clubs and my partner played the jack. You see the point of that - it encouraged me to go on with clubs. Had East played a low club I might have decided, say, to play him for a diamond void. From East's point of view a diamond switch would have been fatal if South had had one diamond and two clubs.

I continued with the king of clubs and another club. When declarer won in dummy he played the four of hearts; East followed with the two, declarer played the king and now he had to lose two heart tricks to

Declarer missed an easy safety play. At trick four, when East plays the two of hearts, declarer should play the three. If West wins, the remaining two hearts will fall under the ace-king. Declarer will make four hearts in dummy, two spades in hand, a dub in

dummy, two diamond tricks and eventually a diamond ruff in hand.

It does East no good to play the nine on the first heart. Declarer wins, noting that West shows out. He crosses to the ace of diamonds, and plays another heart. East has to split his honours, and now there are a variety of ways for declarer to make six of the last seven tricks.

The first round of Camrose matches will take place at the weekend: England v Scotland at the Swallow Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees (further details ring John Williams at the EBU on 01296 394414) and Wales v Northern Ireland at the Maelgwyn Castel, Cardigan (further details ring Lloyd Lewis 01269 842117).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## By Philip Howard

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BY RAYMOND KEENIL CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Computer slaughter

The Fritz4 computer program has annihilated the powerful Slovenian national team by the extraordinary score of eight points to two. Ten games were played in a double round competition with 30 minutes per player per game. Although such fast time limits are known to favour computer 25 a3 programs over humans. Fritz's eventual ELO rating performance of 2,727 was absolutely extraordinary.

In the following game Beliavsky commits the error of following a long theoretical variation, which is known to favour White. However, the level of punishment meted out by the computer program was hard to foresee. It conducted a difficult endgame to perfection, and experts were heard to compare Fritz4's squeeze play to that of Karpov.

White: Fritz4.. Black: Alexander Beliavsky

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By Raymond Keene

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15 Re2

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine -Bogolyubov, Dresden 1936. Black is trying to lure White into the trap I Rxa6 when I ... Bxd4 wins material. What should White play?

Solution on page 46







RACING: McCOY FRUSTRATED OVER CHEPSTOW COMMITMENT

# Dunwoody moves swiftly to secure Teinein ride

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

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AMID the gallery basking in glorious sunshine at Fontwell yesterday was one jockey who could not contemplate his fate. So frustrated was Tony Mc-Coy that he still harboured hopes of riding Teinein on Saturday, several hours after Richard Dunwoody had been confirmed as his replacement. Details of Dunwoody's booking for the William Hill

Handicap Hurdle at Sandown spread like a forest fire. Teinein, unextended in two outings this season, was backed down to 7-2 from 9-2 with the sponsors. Yet McCoy insisted: "Nothing has been decided. We'll just have to wait and see. When Saturday comes, however, McCoy will be at Chepstow to partner the Paul Nicholls-trained Belmont King in the Rehearsal Chase.

No one could blame the champion jockey for clutching at straws. After riding in the opener at Cheitenham nine

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

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yesterday. Two other previous winners, Algan and Barton

Bank, are also entered.

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days ago. McCoy dashed more than 100 miles to Huntingdon to ride Teinem in the concluding event. He knew the contest was a formality; Teinein obliged in a common canter. Now he must forfeit what he feels will be a valuable payday. Asked about Teinein's chance, he respond-

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(2.30 Windsor) ed: "He is well up to it. He is well up to anything, for that

matter. The soundings were equally positive in Dunwoody's camp. Last season, Dunwoody landed the Sandown contest on Chief's Song but he quickly rejected the option when ap-proached by Teinein's connec-tions. His agent, Robert

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THUNDERER

Mouse Bird [against Teinein] at Worcester and he thought he would win that day. But Temen sailed past him with

If it all sounds like a

formality, punters should consider The Grey Monk's Hennessy defeat at Newbury just five days ago. The Gordon Richards trained chaser, rated a snip at the weights, was clearly outpointed by Coome Hill but was yesterday in-stalled 4-1 favourite for the Coral Welsh National by the sponsors. Should he take his chance, The Grey Monk will effectively compete from a 71b higher mark than in his

Hennessy defeat. Richards, who has never won the Chepstow stamina test, appears keen to run but will wait another week before making plans. A soft surface will be to the horse's advantage but he needs time be-tween his races, Richards reported. Coral then bets: 7-1

1.20 BARKBY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

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Selection: CRCUS STAN

3.20 BEGINNERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

2.50 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

FORM FOCUS

DETTING: 7-4 Shirley Light, 3-1 Polity's Woody, 9-2 Photolyn Bulle, 5-1 Sammer, 5-1 second

1986: AMTRAK 6-11-2 J R Krussech (6-1) N Henderson & ran

Stregone, General Wolfe, Parsons Boy, Suny Bay, 12-1 Evangelica, Moorcroft Boy, Sister Stephanie, 14-1 bar.

Billygoat Gruff and St Mellion Fairway, who spearhead a strong entry from David Nicholson's stable, will both be in action on Saturday. The latter is expected to clash with the Noel Chance-trained Mr Mulligan, due in be schooled by David Bridgwater in Lambourn this morning.

Josh Gifford, who saddled Duke Of Aprolon to victory in the Norfolk Challenge Cup at Fontwell yesterday, reported the imminent return of two of his injured stable stars. Brief Gale, a former winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham, may reappear in the Betterware Cup at Ascot later this month. And Bradbury Star, now recovered after prolonged treatment to an injured hock will return at the first suitable opportunity - possi-bly at Chepstow on Saturday.



Screnus, left, on his way to winning the Eartham Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at Fontwell Park yesterday

# YESTERDAYS

Fontwell Park Soing: good good to soft in places
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Quadpot: £11.70.

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Gaing, good 12.20 (2m hole) 1. Prickly Fair fit Guest, 16-11: 2. Fro (P-Iz); 3. Topogose (7-2). Terry 5-2 tev 10 ran, Net Just Roy 13.1 4 D Banker, Toar 11:11:30, D4.70, E2-40, CI 81 DF 11:32 50. Titler not won good of 12:39 5 canned forward to 1.20 at Laussesse (sodie) CSF 13:0 64 12.50 (2m Irole) 1, Russian Russia (R Gamthy, 6-4 lav; Private Hendicapper's top-nating); 2, Ern's Bert (20-1); 3, New Espot (12-1), 11 cm 3, 91 T Essenty, Tote (22-30; 21-20, 24-40, 12-40 DF: 123,40 Tno E18730 (28F E80.17

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# City run put on hold as Bruce's weakness is spotted

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

STEVE BRUCE, the former Manchester United captain. has done much to steady the listing Birmingham City ship since he moved to St Andrew's during the summer. Howit was for his goalstopping rather than his goalscoring ability that Trevor Francis, the City manager, signed him - a point well illustrated on Tuesday

Birmingham and Barnsley locked at 0-0 in the second half of their Nationwide League first division match, Bruce was given the task of taking a penalty after Steve Davis had brought down Jason Bowen. Though his aim was true. Dave Wat-son, the highly-rated Barnsley goalkeeper, pulled off a fine

"Steve's only our fourthchoice penalty-taker so I sup-pose I've got to excuse him." Francis said. Steve Sutton, the stand-in City goalkeeper, made an acrobatic stop at the other end to block Paul Wilkinson's late header and protect Birmingham's point.
Danny Wilson, the Barns-

ley manager, said: "I was happy with a draw against a team having such a good run at present. Watson's penalty save was magnificent."

Sheffield United leapfrogged Barnsley into second place and kept up the pres-sure on Bolton Wanderers. the first division leaders, by beating Huddersfield Town 3-1. Huddersfield drew first blood in the fourteenth minute, when Andy Payton scored his ninth goal of the season, but United replied with efforts from Lee Sandford and Mark Patterson. David White settled it shortly after half-time.

Tranmere Rovers looked anything but promotion candidates as they surrendered 2-0 to struggling Reading at Elm Park. Reading took the lead after ten minutes when James Lambert flicked a neat header past Eric Nixon. They went further ahead after 33 minutes when Stuart Lovell's firm header was helped over the line by Trevor Morley.
"We made changes that

probably surprised a few people, perhaps because we left out some skilful players." Oumil, Kendin joint player-manager, said. But we knew that the lads we brought in would work hard and run all night long."

Wycombe Wanderers produced the most surprising result in the second division when they won 1-0 against Millwall, the leaders, at Adams Park. Micky Bell's 77thminute goal was enough to lift Wycombe off the bottom of the table and remove Millwall from the top.

Brentford took over at the

head of affairs after a 2-0 win against Notts County, stretchat Griffin Park to II matches. Goals either side of half-time from Marcus Bent and Carl Asaha condemned County to their seventh away defeat this

Fulham's lead at the top of the third division was cut to Six points after they were held to a 1-1 draw by Chester at the Deva Stadium. Chester had Chris Priest dismissed in the 63rd minute for a second bookable offence and he was followed three minutes later by Simon Morgan, of Fulham, for foul and abusive language. Chester went ahead through Shaun Reid and Darren Freeman equalised. FOOTBALL: HEDNESFORD TOWN FORCED TO SACRIFICE SPANISH BREAK AS PRICE OF CUP PROGRESS

# Day in Blackpool beats week in the sun

The Pit Men's holiday plans have come a poor

second to the pursuit of a greater ambition

T t is an unlikely measure of the progress made by Hednesford Town that. instead of flying to Spain this weekend, they will embark on a coach trip to Blackpool. In each of the past two

seasons, the Vauxhall Conference side has spent the first weekend of December in Torremolinos, enjoying four days of sun, sand and high life by the side of a friendly game against a local team, Juvento. They were due to take on the Spaniards again this Saturday before something happened to prompt a change of plan. For the first time in their 116-year history. Hednesford reached the second round of the FA

Thus, a club whose longev-



ity suggests that it should have come this far long ago visits one whose triumph in the 1953 final is the most famous of all Wembley successes, save for the World Cup 30 years ago. The walls of the Bloomfield Road ground are decorated with pictures of Matthews, Mortensen and their Blackpool colleagues, but so often in football the past serves only to stifle the present.

Such a feeling is not preva-lent at Hednesford, however. Seven years ago, John Baldwin took over as manager with the side struggling against relegation from the Midlands section of the Beazer Homes League. Since then, he has blown away the cobwebs, literally and metaphorically.

He is now also the vicechairman and co-owner of the club and saw them reach third place in their first season in the Vauxhall Conference in 1995-96. If Max Griggs is the Jack Walker of non-League football, having invested £17 million in Rushden and Diamonds, then Baldwin, an accountant by day, is the Barry Fry.



"Everything about the place had that dusty feel to it," Baldwin remembers. "It was old and almost derelict and we were coming to the end of the lease on the ground.

"I got more and more in-volved in finding a new site but we needed more money, so I had some long chats with a client of mine. Steve Price, and between us we agreed to take over the club."

Between them, they have invested around £1.5 million, and Baldwin, who played for the club through the 70s and early 80s, admits that his world has changed. "I guess I work 40 hours at the office and do another 40 on club business every week," he says.

There are three things in my life: my family, my work and Hednesford Town. Unfortunately, I have listed them in reverse order." The pit cottages that remain

standing in Hednesford are a reminder of the way the community here evolved aloneside the mining industry. In the old days, miners would walk down the hill from the colliery at the end of their Saturday shift towards the Cross Keys ground to watch or even to

> Now, there is just a single open-cast mine remaining in the area and an increasingly white-collar workforce commutes to Cannock, Wolverhampton or Stafford near by.

However, Baldwin has pledged that the nickname of The Pit Men" will always

Two seasons ago, they moved a few hundred yards to the 3,500-capacity Keys Park in the nick of time to be allowed into the Conference. having finished top of the Benzer Homes League pre-mier division the year before. Outside Hednesford, there were few tears wept for an old pitch that was bereft of grass and, in defiance of geometric principles, appeared to slope both ways.

Most sides could not find Hednesford anyway so they were in a foul mood when they-

they saw the state of the ground," Joe O'Connor, the side's leading striker, recalls. "It really was in a terrible state by the end, but that made it worth a goal start to us." -

Connor has scored more than 200 times for Hednesford and has a testimonial game against West Brom next year. At 29, he acknowledges that his chance of a League career has gone, but in this side he loses nothing by comparison with the three ex-pros, Bernard McNally (Shrewsbury Town and West Brum), Scott Cooksey (Peterborough United) and Tony Hemmings

(Wycombe Wanderers). ....

The entire squad has be-come used to Baldwin's chopping and changing. Competition is the key to a strong side, the manager believes. "When I open the dressing-room door I want them to think a new player is going to walk in, another rival for their place," he says, lending further credence to the comparison with Fry.

Having beaten Southport in the first round, victory on Saturday ought to ensure a sizeable reward, particularly as the players have been forced to forsake the Mediterranean. Sadly not. "They will get their reward all right." Baldwin said, "training, Tues.

# Switched stones pay dividends for Martin

SCOTLAND'S women were stopped in their tracks by the Czech Republic at the European curling championships in Copenhagen yesterday — but only briefly. Playing the final round in the group series, Scotland were surprised to lose three shots at the third end and another at the fourth as Rhona Martin lost her touch.

Two of the stones - those that Martin was using - were discovered to be "rogues", refusing to slide to form. Switching stones with Gail McMillan, playing at the less critical No 3 slot, set Martin back on target and Scotland duly won 13-6.

### Blooded medic

Rugby union: Andy Lucking, Edinburgh University medical student from Sheffield, who plays at lock for Currie, has been named in the Scotland Under-21 side to face their Italian counterparts at Inverleith, in Edinburgh, on Friday week, despite not having a drop of Scottish blood in him. "Andy is not eligible to play for Scotland A at the moment as he does not meet the three-year residency requirement," Harvey Wright, the Scotland Under-21 manager, said, "but he could qualify

## Bowled out

Bowls: Women have not been invited to play in the world indoor singles, beginning at Preston on January 20, after the failure of Margaret Johnston, Joyce Lindores and Jan Woodley to win even one match in the previous two championships.

## Scots on top

Golf: Scotland became the European team champions yesterday, rounds of four under par by Craig Ronald and two under by John Chillas giving them a seven-stroke margin of victory over Spain.

## Numbers up

Rugby league: The Rugby League Council has agreed to increase clubs! overseas quota from five to six foreign players from next season.

# Keegan frustrated by erratic Asprilla Asprilla has failed to do so,

BY DAVID MADDOCK

WHEN Faustino Asprilla reflects on his Uefa Cup contribution for Newcastle United this morning, it may be with more than a hint of mixed emotion. Asprilia cannot stop scoring for his club in Europe. he cannot start in domestic competition. It was a theme that Kevin

Keegan, his manager, ominously chose to dwell on after the Colombian had scored twice in the 2-0 victory over Metz on Tuesday evening. The goals took his tally to five in the competition this season, to add to some important assists. Keegan's tone was downbeat, a surprise, given Asprilla's

match-winning performance. Closer examination suggests that Asprilla's position at St James' Park is far from secure. Rashly, he picked up a booking for an over-elaborate celebration after his first goal, a second caution in the competition which will prevent him from playing in the first leg of the quarter-final. Perhaps even more rashly,

he attempted an extravagant party-piece towards the end of the game which resulted in a hamstring injury. The prognosis is not good - an absence of four to six weeks is anticipated.

Such inactivity will do his long-term prospects of re-maining with Newcastle little good, especially given that, by the time he is fit and suspenshould have made a full recovery from injury.

There is no obvious place in the side for Asprilla when Shearer and Ferdinand operate in tandem. His position becomes even more tenuous when Keegan's post-match comments are considered. When asked to admire

Asprilla's goals, Keegan shrugged and said: "It is all very well Tino gening occasional spectacular goals like that on the big occasions, but he has got to start thinking about delivering more consistently, week in, week out. He has to start to show form for us, and start litting in, in the

in some style. In ten domestic appearances this season, and three more as a substitute, he has failed to find the net even once. His contribution has been as anonymous as his goals tally, and that clearly has frustrated Keegan, "We want him to be involved more. not just waiting for special

Asprilla would even have



Asprilla: suspension

David Ginola picked up a hamstring injury and limped off. Therefore, when he does get back, some time in the new year, there may well be no place in the side for him. Ginola, too, may be begin-

ning to test the patience of his manager. Keegan complained that his side "couldn't even pass water" on Tuesday evening, and the accusing finger was pointed at Ginola. He had one of his insipid nights at wing back, neither one thing or another, totally ineffectual

before injury claimed him. Clearly, Keegan has some thinking to do before the quarter-final of the Uefa Cup in March, and it may concern the long-term future of his two expensive foreign imports. It also concerns the shape of aside he admitted "was as bad as we could ever be for periods during the tie with Mett.

Keegan accepts that some drastic surgery may be required. "There are now only. good teams left in the draw, the final."

long before he scored, had not out who we play until next week, it won't matter if we perform like we did against Metz. We would not beat any of them on that form," he said.

There are some appenising ties in prospect, though, with the likes of internazionale, Valencia. Tenerife and AS Monaco still surviving. Keegan has his thoughts on an appropriate opponent, and

one whom he would prefer to avoid.

"We don't get many holi-days so I think that Tenerife in March would be a nice break for us. I like the sound of that," he said. I still believe we have the quality to win this competition, but we must play better. I think I would prefer to miss Inter - we can save them until

# Rangers prepare to provide warm welcome for Rozental

By Our Sports Staff

pleting the £3.75 million trans-fer of the Chile striker, Sebastian Rozental, from Universidad Catolica. The 20-year-old is expected to fly to Scotland after Chile's World Cup qualifying tie against Argentina on December 15.

Rozental's father and manager, Lazaro Rozental, confirmed yesterday: "Only small things have to be agreed, like how long he stays there and where he will live." It is understood Rozental will earn just over £2 million in the course of a 3½-year contract, provided that a work permit is granted.

Oliver Bierhoff, the striker whose goals clinched the hint. "Arsenal would be such a European championship for dub." Bierhoff. 28, underwent Germany in England during ... the summer, has announced that he would like to join a club in the FA Carting Premiership. Bierhoff, who is January. presently with Udinese in The Du

RANGERS are close to com- Italy, insisted he was happy in Serie A for now, but said he knew some English clubs were keen to bring him to the league where his national team partner, Jürgen Klinsmann, enjoyed great success with Tottenham Hotsper.

"I know Blackburn Rovers were very interested in signing me," he said. "At the moment, it is out of the question. I want to stay in Italy, but if I decided to change country, we saw pitch. during Euro 96 what a marvellous atmosphere the fans provide there in England. It would have to be with a club capable of getting into the European Cup competitions"

- adding, as if by way of a surgery in a Munich clinic on Tuesday for torn ligaments in his right ankle and will be out of action until the end of

The Dutch club, PSV Eind-

hoven, is to host an experimental match next week using high-tech aids to assist the referee. The game, between a team of Dutch veterans and foreign players presently play-ing in Holland, will use measuring equipment including microphones and remote cameras on goallines and in the stands, all of which will be monitored on a bank of screens by the side of the

The futuristic match has been organised by the Dutch professional coaches union to see whether technical support can help referees and improve the quality of the game, Results from the game will be discussed during a symposium in Brussels on December 14. ahead of the World Cup qualifier between Belgium and Holland. A report will be forwarded to both Uefa and Fifa, football's European and world governing bodies.

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# Underwood may have chance to lay ghost of Lomu

ONE England wing's good fortune was matched yesterday by the disappointment of another, Tony Underwood, who has not played for his country since the World Cup semi-final last year, has been recalled to the England squad to prepare for the international against Argentina on December 14, though he must wait until Monday to know whether he will play.

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Jon Sleightholme, however. a try-scorer in each of his past three England appearances, is not required by Bath for the significant Courage Clubs Championship match with Harlequins on Saturday. Bath, the league champions. who are seeking to bring to earth the present leaders of the first division, prefer to use Jason Robinson to sustain their wide game rather than the more physical talents of

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ENGLAND TENES

tional perspective was that of anything, has impinged upon lonah Loma disappearing Sleightholme since Robinson Jonah Lomu disappearing over the horizon with New Zealand in Cape Town; since then he has recovered from a knee injury, moved from Leicester to Newcastle and settled into the life of a rugby professional. His presence in the squad will keep Adedayo Adebayo and Sleightholme on their toes. When Tony returned to his best, he had to come into consideration," Jack Rowell, the England coach,

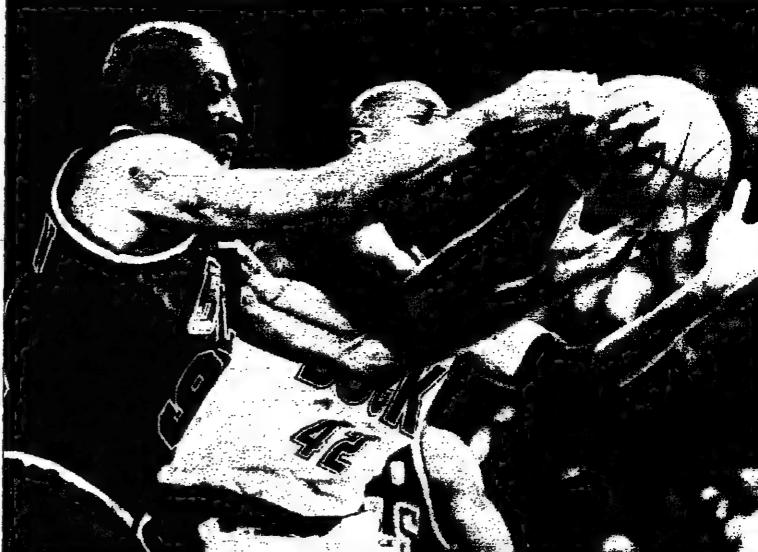
said yesterday. Neither of the present England wings has yet had the best opportunity this season to show his worth, but Sleightholme will be desperately disappointed not to play for his club in so significant a match. At least Bath have acknowledged the value of a ing Jonathan Callard at full



been named as one of three England A captains to take the field next week. Ojomah will lead an A XV against South Africa A at Gloucester next Wednesday while Tony Diprose will do the job against Argentina at Northampton on Tuesday and Matt Dawson takes over against Queensland at Gateshead on

These three games in four days may at last offer the touring teams some worthwhile opposition after they have cut a swath through the weakened "Counties of Origin" XVs. Even so, those games have thrown up unexpected opportunities for some players: Brian Johnson, the Newbury and Army wing, will play at Gloucester after distin-guishing himself for the Western Counties, while Jeff Alexander, the former Harlequins centre now with Esher, is among the replacements for the same game.

strength for London Counties and his presence may be some comfort to those players who put themselves forward when the first and second-division clubs were busy withdrawing



Rodman, left, steals the ball from Vin Baker during one of his few contributions to the Bulls' victory against Milwaukee Bucks

# ow interest rate rebounds on Rodman

Oliver Holt on why a prize asset has depreciated in the

eyes of colleagues in the business of Chicago basketball

enfant terrible of the National Baskethall Association (NBA), is in the thick of a new controversy. It is nothing to do, this time, with head-butting a referee. an offence that cost him a sixgame suspension last season, or insuiting league officials. This time, the problem runs deeper. The Chicago Bulls, the team Rodman dominates with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, have simply

become too good and Rod-man says that he is bored. On Tuesday night, as the Buils improved their record this season to a remarkable 16 wins and one defeat by coasting past the Milwaukee Bucks 107-104 here in the Bradlee Centre, Rodman made his lack of interest clear by continuing his recent practice of chatting casually to supporters during bills in the sported a new hairdo dyed an eclectic mix of oranges, deep reds and yellows. He said the Bulls' continuing dominance

of the NBA holds no thrills "It's all right," he said. "It's comfortable. It's something get myself up for a game like tonight. The only way to do it is to go out there and compete saying 'let's do something.

After the cakewalk on Tuesday, he sat in the lockerroom wearing a T-shirt pro-claiming "I don't mind straight people as long as they act gay in public and juices flowing."

paid \$9 million (about £5.45 million) for his services this season, got the biggest cheer of the night when he scored his only basket midway through the third quarter. That, and his obvious displeasure at being penalised

for a foul, were the only things that provoked any to do, right now. Until the season gets really competi-tive. I'm staying in shape, that's all. It's very difficult to against ourselves. If you keep being bored." Pippen said. let's do something', then He should have thought sometimes you can get your about that before he signed

animation. The Chicago Tribune has labelled him "Disinterested Dennis". Some of his team-mates. predictably, are less than impressed. "There's nothing we can really do about him

haven't even gotten through the first month. Rodman, who was last

week served with papers relating to a sexual harassment case claiming that he touched an usherette "in an inappropriate manner while trying to retrieve the ball at a game two years ago, said that he is getting more fun out of presenting his own show on MTV than playing basketball.

"It's wild and exciting," he said. "It's more of a job than basketball. It shows that I'm more than just an athlete. I won't miss the game of baskethall when I leave, I can tell you that I've had my share, my laughter, my entertainment, my joy, my sadness. It's time to move on."

# Stransky on bench for Barbarians

the World Cup final last year. is among the replacements for the Barbarians against the Australians at Twickenham on Saturday (David Hands writes). The South African stand-off half, who has endured a poor season with Western Province, has been linked with a move to England, as has the former Trans-

vaal flanker, Rudolf Stracull. Meanwhile, France restore Olivier Merie to their second row against South Africa in Paris on Saturday, one of six changes from the XV beaten 22-12 in Bordeaux last weekend. The one newcomer is Laurent Leflamand, the Bourgoin wing, in the continued absence of Philippe Saint-

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# Services undone by rush of Latin blood

Combined Services ...... 6

BY DAVID HANDS.

THE Argentinians continued on their way at the Rectory, Plymouth, last night. Next week England and England A await, but their passage has been eased hitherto by England's domestic strife and a brave Combined Services XV proved unable to tilt the

balance. alance.
Faced with a succession of weakened Counties of Origin sides, the Argentinians have profited by averaging 60 points per match on their tour. though such easy points may not benefit them when they

play England. However, they have developed a swift moving game and thus the Services were caught napping by two early tries. Their line came under intense siege from the first moment, when the Argentinian backs swept 70 metres from the kickoff and only solid defence by the experienced Armstrong

thwarted them. The Services, though, stuck to their task, and their best moment came when Johnson darted 40 metres and paved the way for the first of Knowles's penalty goals.
Abernethy showed similar appetite for the contest, but the Services lacked the pace of their nimble opponents.

Speed in midfield and the ians a substantial advantage and even allowed them the luxury of self-indulgence. Four first-half tries might have been more if players had not become greedy, but the pressure that they mounted on the Services inevitably told.

Albanese and Arbizu profited directly from defensive errors, though the Services' tackling seldom faltered and it was greatly to their credit that they restricted the touring side to only four further tries.

Argentinian eagerness at the rucks cost them penalties and positions, but nothing could stop Martin from erupting to the line for a singularly well-deserved score, nor Promanzio enjoying the final word from close range.

Word from close range.

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# ATHLETICS

# Athletes launch bid to set up sports academy

A CONSORTIUM of British athletes and businessmen yesterday launched a bid to set up the new British Academy of Sport proposed by John Major in July. The Prime Minister's initiative is intended to boost the performance of elite athletes after the poor showing at the Olympic Games in Atlanta when the nowers. Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, won Britain's only

gold medal. The academy proposed by Athletes Bid is supported by more than 200 past and present British athletes, including the double Olympic champion and 800 metres world record-holder. Sebastian Coe, and Daley Thompson, the former Olympic decathlon champion. It would provide training and support facilities for most sports, the consortium architect, Terry

Pawson, said. Ray Stevens, a judo silver medal-winner at the Barcelona Games, said: "This acadeшy will produce more

Olympic gold medals for Britain without a shadow of a doubt."

With Jordan leading the

league in scoring again — he claimed 40 points against the

Bucks - and the Bulls on

course to smash the record

they set last season of 72 wins

and ten losses. Rodman, the

best rebounder or gobbler-up

of missed shots in the league,

is finding it increasingly hard to motivate himself for rou-

Many European countries already have central sports academies. Stevens, trained for the Atlanta Games in Paris because of a shortage of sparring partners and facilities in Britain, said a British academy was essential.

"Without the facilities that a central academy, like France's Incep, offers, you're down before you start. You know you can't compete on level terms abroad," Stevens said.

The Athletes' Bid complex would be on the outskirts of London and could be up and running before the Sydney Games in 2000, Sir Gerard Neil, a former MP and bid steering group member, said. If successful, the Athletes' Bid, one of 25 competing to provide the academy, would qualify for a £100 million grant from the National Lottery. The competing bids are to be whittled down to six

within the next two weeks.

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DAVID GOURLAY Jr edged into the final of the CIS (Insurance) Scottish Masters tournament at Coathridge ves-

terday, but had to work hard to get the better of David Peacock, the Scottish champion, 7-6, 7-6. Peacock, 26, performed admirably for 15 high-quality ends and often had Gourlay in

trouble after opening the semifinal with a well-taken treble. Gourlay broke a 6-6 deadlock in the first set, and set off confidently in the second, opening up a 5-0 lead after three ends.

Two trebles, the second engineered when Gourlay was holding a match lie, changed the complexion of the game, catapulting Peacock into a 6-5 lead. However, an inchperfect final bowl from Gourlay on the sixth end

carned him a winning double. Earlier, Graham Robertson, who is attempting to win the title for the third time. defeated Andy Thomson 7-1. 1-7. 7-3. "I was delighted with the way I played and for once I

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his \$9 million deal. He's

# Gourlay subdues plucky Peacock

managed to make a good start," Robertson said. tie things up at 3-3 and then

match.

He needed just four ends to take the opening set 7-1 but Thomson reversed that scoreline in the second and then moved 2-0 shead in the decider. Robertson hit back to

added doubles on the next two ends to take the set and the

Thomson was quick to praise his opponent. "I've no complaints. Graham played very well and produced some really big shots in the decider." he said.

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# Toughs of the track reduced to mortal battle

- two of the finest milers to grace a running track. Between them, they have run 265 subfour-minute miles. Since they first began stalking each other around the athletic arenas of the world in the Seventies, their lives and careers have been strangely intertwined.

They are Steve Scott, of the United States, and John Walker, of New Zealand. Their achievements seem superhuman. Walker, the first man to better 3min 50sec for the distance, won Olympic gold and set a world record of 3min 49.08sec. He ran 129 miles inside four minutes. Scott ran 3min 47.69sec, competed in two Olympic Games and has broken the barrier on 136

Walker: unforgettable At the height of their powers their track-tuned bodies seemed indestruc-tible. They dedicated their lives to health, fitness, records, medals. They would race anywhere, against everyone. They were the men who had everything. Now, cruelly, both have had just about everything snatched

Walker, 44, is battling Parkinson's disease and will surely never run

ANDRE AGASSI left the

Olympia Halle here yesterday

to a chorus of boos and

whistles after losing 6-3, 6-4 to

Mark Woodforde in the first

round of the Compaq Grand

Slam Cup. The Munich public, more

concerned with football scores

than with forehands and back-

hands, may not know a lot about tennis but they know

what they like and the man

from Las Vegas is a long way from being flavour of the

The spectators had forked out up to DM150 (over £60) for

the dubious privilege of sharing their afternoon with

Agassi and had expected rather more than the lacklustre

Agassi, who is now to take a

six-week break from the game

- he will miss the Australian

Open - appeared to try his

best to lose quickly and quietly

Woodforde would not let him.

With the first set already gone and having lost his service to

go 3-2 down in the second.

Agassi could reasonably have

But if Agassi was looking

for an easy way out, he was

not going to get it. Woodforde

threw away his own service

and only with considerable

help from Agassi did he

manage to edge into the lead

again. The only real contest

expected Woodforde to take

month in Bavaria.

display on offer.

his is a tale of two champions again; Scott, 40, is fighting back after major surgery for cancer.

A decade ago they became caught up in a bizarre race to be the first man to complete 100 sub-four-minute miles. They haunted the commercial circus of grand prix races in Europe, living out of suitcases and subjecting their bodies to more demands than any before them had dreamt of. They

were the first of a new breed, who turned their running into a In previous eras.

milers would carefully harbour their physical and mental energies for one or two supreme efforts each season. Walker and Scott would turn out such performances as routine. sometimes as often as two or three times a week. Their idea of a

peak, a world-class effort, might come around every Wednesday and Friday. There are those in sport who believe that nature always calls in her overdrafts, and who knows what punishment these two inflicted on

The crowds, and the promoters, loved them. Walker, in particular, athletics. In full flight, clad all in

their bodies?



black, with his flowing golden locks, he was a magnificent animal. Six feet tall, 112 stone, he vibrated down the home straight with an arrogance and passion that were unforgettable.

He says now that combing that hair, knocking on a door or signing his name has become difficult. Writing with immense dignity about his illness in The New Zealand Herald, Walker said: "I'm not looking for sympathy. Sure. I struggle to do things I had always taken for granted, like brushing my teeth and writing, and it takes me time to do other things like turning pages and getting out of bed, but, thankfully, I still have full mobility on my left side.

"Initially, I feared [and so did my children that I was going to be like Muhammad Ali, but I have been assured I won't shake like him and that I should live a reasonably normal life with only a very gradual

TENNIS: AMERICAN BOOED OFF COURT AFTER ANOTHER SPIRITLESS DISPLAY

Jeers for Agassi's shadow play

deterioration over the years. There are a lot of people worse off than me." For Walker and Scott, the racing did not end even when they had each clocked up 100 and more sub-fourminute miles. Another challenge beckoned. Each believed that he could be the first to break the barrier when past the age of 40. That prize was snatched from them

when Earnonn Coghlan, the Irishman, ran 3min 58.15sec in 1994, and on an indoor track. It has still not been achieved oundoors. Despite coming

close to death two years ago. Scott could be the man to do it. He was operated on for testicular cancer. "The surgery," Scott said, "was serious stuff. They removed 35 lymph nodes from my groin to my lungs. I believe I learnt what caused

that I had to begin thinking about a new career. "I had created so much emotional and physical stress in my system that it weakened my body's normal

it. My life had been in turmoil the

year before my surgery, primarily because my running had been so bad

body to succumb to this cancer."

Like Walker, Scott looks for no pity and has responded to his illness like a champion. He is back in training and, according to Marc Bloom, his friend and biographer, "he looks as healthy as a horse". At the end of September he won the Masters (over-40) division of the Fifth Avenue Mile in 4min 06.57sec, after going through the half in Imin 57sec.

In the early days of his career Scott modelled himself on the compelling person-ality of Walker, who became his mentor and friend on the international track circuit Amazingly, this

spring Scott will try to squeeze just one more sub-four-minute mile out of his ageing and battered body. If he does, I would like to think that he will do it as

much for his old friend and rival as for himself. Six seconds is a lot to find by the spring, especially when you are lining up against the passing years and the surgeon's knile.

They are tough opponents; but, when it comes to the mile, opponents

Scott fighting back

never came any tougher than Steve

JOHN BRYANT



David Powell looks

tradition

at changes to cross country's top event

The world cross-coun-

try championships will be staged on concrete this winter, but for Prime Neblok, the autocratic president of the International Amateur Athletic Pederation (IAAF), ducking the mud-slinging will be a small inconvenience for the personal satisfaction he will gain from secing the cham-pionships come to his home city of Turin. Nebiolo has a worldwide

reputation for moving heaven and earth to satisfy his ego. This time, his minions are arranging to have the carth moved literally, as lorry loads of cross country's essential ingredient will be dropped into place to turn a section of Parco del Valentino, in the centre of the northern Italian city, into something resembling Parliament Hill Fields.

As the championships take another long, sweeping turn away from tradition, there are those at the IAAF who fear a catastrophe if it rains, among them Otto Klappert, the German chairman of the world governing body's own cross-country

"In normal weather, we will not have great prob-lems, but in the case of rain, we could have," Klappert said. "If you put earth on a concrete road, it is difficult for the water to drain. We have to build an artificial track and that is a great problem." If there is heavy rain in March, the course could turn into one big splash pool, contrary to the LAAF ideal of fast, dry.

The IAAF decision to move the world championships into a city centre for wish to tempt greater numbers of speciators, thereby creating a better impression on television. The happier IAAF becomes; the more athletics is shown, the more important Nebiolo feels. The Parco del Valentino backdrop of castles, river and hills represents an attempt to turn cross country into a thing of beauty rather

than one of endeavour. ' lappert went on: "It is definitely an advantage that we can present on television a big crowd and great surroundings, but, on the other hand, it is not what we, and especially the British, expect of a real cross-country event." The course will not even have time to mature. "According to what I have

heard from my Italian friends, it is a public park which is used every day and they the IAAF can only start working on the course from the last moment." Klappert said. "But Dr Nebiolo has said we will not have a problem."

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Of elephants and custard

My Granny's Larder. Radio 4, 8.45pm.

It's an ill wind ... and all that Had it not been for Elizabeth Bird's It's an ill wind... and all that. Had it not been for Elizabeth Bird's dyspensia, aggravated by anything containing eggs, we would probably never have known the delights of instant custard. In the 1830s, her solicitous husband Alfred — latest in a long line of inventive Birds — created eggless custard powder. The rest, as they say, is history, Derek Cooper is charting the histories of bedtime and lunchtime wonders such as Horlicks. HP sauce, Camp coffee and Ribera. Tonight is all about custard, though there is a slight diversion in which Cooper recalls the publicity sums thought up by Thomas Lipton, of grocery fame. As a crowd-puller, he would use elephants to help to haul his latest imported chieses through the streets of Glasgow.

Opera Matinee. Radio 3, 1.00pm.

You don't expect unanimity from classical music pundits, so when it does happen, it deserves to be eelebrated in print. One of Radio 3's five choices of the best opera compact dists of the year is Handel's Ariodante on the Harmoni Mundi label, conducted by Nicholas McGehan, and with a cast headed by Lorraine Hunt and Juliana Gondec. The same CD has been picked by one of BBC Music Magazine's team of critics who have been surveying the title-packed 1996 recording scene. It is this much-praised CD that Radio 3 is broadcasting this afternoon.

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8.50 An Advent Calender, Carolis performed by the National Youth Chember Choir of Scuttend, conductor Christopher Bell, Herry Walford Davise (O Little Town of Bethlehem); Chant (Puer Nobis Needitar); Anon

Noos Nescuri, Anon (Gaudete)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobolay, Includes Scaristi, arr Avison (Concento No.11 in Gl; Dowland (Fortoma Hope Farty)

10.00 Munical Encourance Includes Telemann (Cartala Grafficto King I, see no Gottlichs Kind, Lass mit Entzucken); Honegger (Yfolin Sonata No 1); Scrabin (Pleno

Sorieta No 4).

12,00 Composer of the Weeks
Lufly, Includes tutables,
noctumes and autodes from
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de l'Amour 1.00pm Opera Matinée, Ses Choice
14.35 Scottish Recommitmetions.
Massell Device (Parassance
Scottish Dances), Judith Welr
(The Bagoiper's String Trio);
Massell Davies (Kinlochs, Fis

bio The Busic Machine. Machines takes about the future of opera and his latest project The Brish Opera.

5.15 In Turns, Includes Heinfichen (Concerto in P.; Saint-Seens (Dense Macabre); Schubert (Piano Sonsta in A)

7.30 BBC Phillipprovonic by Yan Pascal Tortellar, Cache Quanet, plano, Bridge (Suite The Sea): Seire-Seens (Plano Colonian No. 2 lo G minor 8.20 Letter from Geneva

Swips publisher Michele Stroum looks at what people in her city are reading 8.40 Concert, part 2. Britten (Pessacaglia, Peter Grimes); Roussel (Symphony No 3) The Jesus Disry, Producer 9.40 The Jesus Disry. Produce Angels Titty reflects that Jesus's public life spanned three years less time then it took her to make her injovision series for BBC 1 10.00 Munic 8

concert to mark the 450th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther, Paul McCreesh directs the Gabriel Consort Players, and members of the Rudience, in treatments of Lufter's Advent chorale Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland. With Linda Perillo, soprano, Robin Bisze, elto, Joseph

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names in radio, TV and
beyond, With Laurie Taylor
8.00 Analysis. Over the last 20

still need them 8.45 My Granny's Larder. See

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Frederick Dove 9.30 Kaleidoscope (f) 9.59

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their membership decline. Peter Keliner asks whether we

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10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray 11,30 From Our Own

Simon Brett challenges crime writers Lady Antonia Fraser and Reginald Hill to solve a

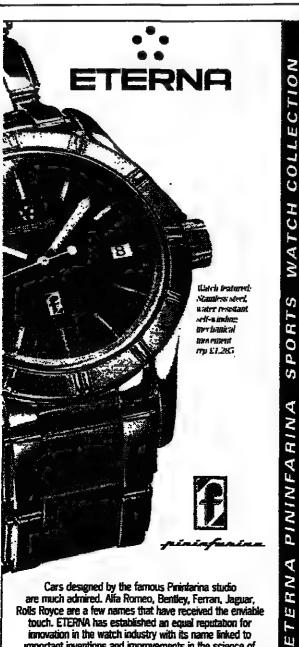
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Agassi plays a forehand return during the lacklustre affair against Woodforde, who won in straight sets seemed to centre around who Agassi has had his mind set be. I don't need any miracle Mikael Tillstrom to win 6-4, on taking a break to rest, train cures, I just need to get back to 6-2 in just under an hour and wanted to win least, and and wipe away the memories of 1996. His autumn cam-Agassi won that hands down. good old fundamentals." What Goran Ivanisevic It was another dreadful paign has been a catalogue of needs is a good barber. He match to add to his miserable finals. may have the most intimidatbelow-per performances and year. Since losing in the quaring service on the men's tour first-round defeats. ter-finals of the US Open. There is definitely a lack of motivation on the goal of trying to win a couple of tournaments this fall," he said, "because, to me, if I don't play my best tennis, it's not but the world No 4 is most worth it. It's just not." That Saturday.

was more or less what the

myself in a bit of a hole and getting excited to come out of it again," Agassi said. "It's nothsomething that I certainly need to address. Certainly, I am taking the time off in the hope and desire and plan of

"I seem to thrive in digging ing that concerns me but it's

crowd thought, too.

getting strong, fit and getting my game back to where it can

Britain must

win to avoid

swift return

GREAT BRITAIN must beat

Slovakia today to avoid relega-

tion from the champions' divi-

sion at the European men's

team championship in Reggio

The British team of Danny Sapsford, Andrew Richardson

and Paul Robinson, with

Jeremy Bates as its non-

playing captain, were beaten

2-1 by Sweden on Tuesday,

when the Slovakians were

defeated 2-0 by Germany.

Now the two losing nations

meet and, if Britain are beaten

again, they will go down to the

first division, from which they

In the absence of Tim

Henman and Greg Rusedski,

Britain's leading men, Saps-

ford, 27, from Surrey, is the

highest world-ranked player

among the two teams at No 195, with Richardson, from

Lincolnshire, at No 326 and

Robinson, from Northampton.

full-time tennis, at No 584.

who has only just returned to

Martin Hromec, the Slovak

No I, is ranked No 249 and

Tomas Catar, their second

string, is No 337. The contest

will be decided by two singles

rubbers and, if necessary, a

deciding doubles.

gained promotion last year.

Calabria, Italy.

definitely tonsorially chal-lenged. Last year he won in

Munich with more hair on his chin than on his head; this year the hair has returned with a vengeance, it is tied up in a ponytail, rising from the top of his scalp, to make him appear for all the world like a little Christmas tree. But, whatever the hairstyle,

is still the same old Ivanisevic underneath. Yester-

now plays Woodforde tomor-row for a place in the semi-Tim Henman also has his sights on a semi-final spot. Today he takes on MaliVal

Washington, whom he beat in straight sets in Nottingham in June, to see if he can go through to meet either Boris Becker or Jacob Hlasek on This time last week Hlasek

could not have imagined he would be in the quarter-finals of the Grand Slam Cup, but yesterday's 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Cedric Pioline, one of France's Davis Cup heroes, put him through. Not bad for a player who

announced his retirement last month. The unexpected spoils will no doubt help to top up his

(c) A layer of cells lying beneath and partially enclosing, as a cup, the apothecium in lichens. From the Latin excipulum, a receptacle, found only in the plural. From excipere to receive.

(c) Gilded or golden, from the Latin deduratus, the past participle of deaurare (late) Latin, to gild over. "Of so eye-bewitching and deaurate ruddy dye is the skin-coat of this

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE Read arryway, e.g. i ... Bxd4 2 Rxfb Bxfb 3 a5 Be5 (Black could bold up the pawns with 3 ... Bd8. but then 4 Kd4 followed by Kxd5 and the three queenside pawns will soon decide the game) 4 to h4 5 to and the advance of the pawns will force a new queen.

day he blasted 20 aces past DARIOLE

(b) A pasty or tart, usually sweet in English. From the 14th-century French duriole, a small pasty filled with "flesh, hearbes, and spices, mingled and minced together". Now a cream tart. Quentin Durward, 1823: "Ordering confections, darioles, and any other light dainties he could think of." DISMEMBRATOR (c) Something that dismembrates or disintegrates. Specifically an apparatus for separating floor from bran, after crushing in a roller mill. From the medieval Latin dismembrare to dismember.

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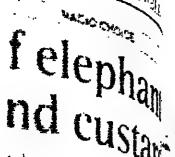
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Apparently, the course runs close to the local nightlife. Cross country on the disco floor next? Or has Nebiolo finally gone as far as he can in pulling up the roots of cross-country

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# Losers, winners and the merely alienated

i's not often you see a meta-phor made flesh, but if you ever desired to see one, last night's Modern Times: Going for Broke (BBC2) was happy to oblige. The story was simple: Keith Sinclair's market-leading horse-box business in Lincolnshire had gone under, but he refused to accept either liquidation or bankruptcy, Instead, against all advice, he planned to sue his bank (Barclays) for mishandling his affairs. A chain-smoker now living alone and embattled in a caravan. Keith was a tiresome, argumentative man, who would settle for nothing less than public recognition of his brilliant achievements in the world of equine transport. Offered practical help, he would refuse it. Shown evidence of awkward facts, he would tear it up. In short, he was a man to drive you

People watching at home, of

was flogging a dead horse—which was where the astonishing visual metaphor came in. Because in the last quarter of the film, suddenly (literally) an old horse collapsed in Keith's paddock, and Keith tried (literally) to make it get up. "Come on," he urged the big creature, his arms around its neck. Keith loved this horse, you see, and it was dying. He tried again. "Come on." But the horse would not get up, and Keith was powerless. For the first time he shed tears, and his weeping was enough to break your heart. Keith's hard lock story was so badly argued that you often wanted to hit him; but when he tried to lift that horse, he aroused

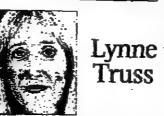
nothing short of pity.

Frustrating and edgy, Going for Broke was a fine documentary on an unpromising subject. Keith is the ranter you run away from after two minutes' acquaintance, because he's more concerned to course, soon recognised that Keith prove a point than improve the

situation he's complaining about.

Going for Broke mainly concerned an episode in Keith's struggle, when Mike, an insolvency expert (and possibly uncanonised saint), offered professional help. But the ungrateful Keith was soon arguing with him. "I built this business up singlehanded! I sold a horse ambulance to the Sultan of Brunei! I have international contacts!" Mike was patient, and brokered with Barclays, but then discovered discrepancies, suspected fraud, and gave up. Helping Keith was like banging your head against a brick wall — and if Mike head decided in perform that act literal ly, we would certainly have

omebody with equal reason to complain about banks is the eponymous Matt of Matt's Million - an enjoyable children's series on ITV, which reached its third episode yesterREVIEW



day. But no unpleasant linigation is in the air here. Banks are very nice to Man, as are solicitors and Rolls-Royce salesmen. He is a schoolboy with a million quid. And his nature is so sweetly innocent that he doesn't even despise his fawners - which. I have to say, detracts from the moral educative value of the series quite considerably, How different the story would

be, from a Keith Sinclair perspec-

tive. Take Man's big surprise in episode one. A 12-year-old, living with his mother, Man opens a letter at breakfast and finds a cheque for £1,227,309.87, sent by a firm of solicitors. Why? Well, it turns out that a computer game Matt wrote was sold by the firm without his knowledge, and has now been marketed worldwide! A young, sincere, Glenn Hoddle

lookalike solicitor tells him the story. Apparently the death of a senior partner has brought the matter to light. Given the themhem) irregularities, says Hoddle, do you still want us to handle your business affairs? "Oh yes," enthuses Matt, his eyes like saucers. You seem to have done an

excellent job so far!" I just hope Keith Sinclair hasn't been watching. At the bank, a smiling manager tells the child that his daily interest is £338. "Hoorah!" says Matt. Matt's Million is a very nice series, and

makes me feel old and cynical. Those people have ripped you off, Matt! Don't you do copyright at school? And think about it: if you get 10 per cent of every sale in Japan, where does the other 90 go? What does this smarmy Glenn Hoddle man get out of it? Also, don't trust the bank to give you the best rate of interest! Listen to Money Bor on Radio 4 at the first opportunity! See sense, Man, before it is 100 late!

Perhaps the reason for the preposterous success of The X-Files (BBC2) is that money (for once) just never enters into it. In most dramas, it's the desire for money or love that drives people to do unpleasant things, whereas in The X-Files, it's contact with aliens, or the criminal impulse to preserve unthinkable secrets, So the money motive gets a rest,

young Peter England is a natural which is a good thing. In The X-star — but I resent the way it Files, the world is still full of corrupt, untrustworthy people, but if the bank manager is mean and distant and forecloses your business, it's because his eyeballs go black in certain lights, and he's hiding something big.

Last night's episode was the first of a two-parter, and followed all the usual rules. In The X-Files a man has only to come home and stare unblinking (for half a second) at his own wedding photo, and the viewer jumps automatically to the correct assumption: yawn, yawn, this man's body has been hijacked by aliens. The natural response: What's going on?" is unsounded in the living rooms of Britain. Yes. to the universal cognoscenti, the deduction is not only obvious, it's also just a minor plot development. which we take in our stride. "So. OK, this man's body has been hijacked by aliens," we huff impatiently, "but then what?"

## 6.00mm BUSINESS BREAKFAST (82414) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (1) (13785) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4038501) 9.45 KILROY (6864650) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (82230) 11.00 NEWS (1) REGIONAL NEWS and

weather (3564834) 11.06 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW Consumer series (5585747) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Celebrity chat show

(1931358)12.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (4979691)

12.06pm SNOWY RIVER — THE MCGREGOR SAGA (3501495) 12.50 A DIFFERENT COUNTRY PRACTICE

(30974292) 1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (16872)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (52474178) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29915834) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (1747) 2.30 THE TERRACE (679)

LOO INCOGNITO (3582) 3.30 LITTLE BEAR (1738872) 3.55 Alvin and the Chipmunks (518969) 4.20 Julia Jekyli and Harriet Hyde (8519327) 4.35 Smart (7899969) 5.00 Newsround (T)

(5440230) 5.10 The Biz (T) (8759037) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (989650 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (308) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (360)

7.00 WATCHDOG Consumer magazine presented by Anne Robinson (5563) 7.30 EASTENDERS Huw and Lenny hit the

alrwaves, white Alen has more problems at home (T) (872) ILOO ANDMAL HOSPITAL Rolf Harris Younds

off the series on the work of the Harmsworth Animal Hospital (T) (4211) 8.30 2POINT4 CHILDREN Family life afficient

(1) (5176) 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (T) REGIONAL

9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE D) Grim decides to leed the war against drugs and the station locker room goes unless. With Rowan Atlanson (T) (98389)

10.00 CROCODE SMOES Still 1 Dyears Continuing the story of Jed Strepperd, who this week is more concerned by his aister's future than his own. With Jimmy Nail (872209)

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10.55 QUESTION TIME Devid Dimbleby chairs a live political debate with Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew. SDLP leader John Hume and the deputy eader of the Ulster Unionist Party, John Taylor (T) (264308)

11,55 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK With Hugh Laurie, Neil Kinnock and Gary Glitter (r) (1) (630872)

12,30mm FILM: Murder C. O. D. (1990) with William Devane as a voyeurlatic killer who uses sophisiticated surveillance equipment to watch and lieten to strangers. Directed by Also Metzger (35612) 2.00 WEATHER (2004029)

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Breakfast News (2272650) 7.30 Yakky
Duck (5100834) 7.50 Blue Peter (1) (\$104650) 8.15 Nockdy (\$856037) 8.25 Pingu (\$847389) 8.35 The Record (\$247055) 9.00 The Worned Well (1162872) 9.16 Elephants in Thailand (1162674) 9.15 Elephants in Thaland (5663969) 10.00 Playdays (2608501) 10.25 The Fugitive (8442476) 11.15 Phil Silvers (7876704) 11.40 Plash Gordon: Trip to Mars (2181691) 12.00 Hot Wok (71124) 12.30pts Working Lunch (68245) 1.00 Plage (82448308) 1.05 Noddy (98813339)

1.15 Fil.Mr. til Met by Moonlight (1958) Classic war film with Dirk Bogarde - (72715389)

3.00 NEWS (7301834) 3.05 WESTMINSTER (2845872) 3.55 News (6104940) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (501) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (785)

S.00 OPPLANT WINFREY: Make Your Own Commercial (4888037) BAO PRUE LETTH'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE (701969)

S SO MORE SECRET GARDENS (605747) 8.00 STAR TREK: Deep Space Nine An intent time-bomb arrives on Deep Space Nime /338389)

6.45 QUANTUM LEAP Sam becomes Max. a New York cabble (r) (1) (476308) 7.30 ANIMAL INSTINCTS The different Restyles of those who oppose Carla Lame's vision for rural Britain (414) WALES: 7.30 The Works 6.00 Roll Over

THE WORKS: The Billion Dollar Hole (2053) 8.30 TOP GEAR Jeremy Clarkson tests the Mercedes SLK Roedster. Plus the experimental, gadget-packed SCC

9.00 SAD ROCK FROM THE SUN Shoom about four aliens who seems human form. Dick wonders how the other three have found it easy to make triends when he hasn't (2696)

Oliver Sacks meets Heidl, an eight-year-9.30 THE MIND TRAVELLER Neurologis constitutes intelligence (413327)



10 X 10: Woe to the Hunter Short films from new directors (649037)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (874209) 11.15 LATE REVIEW (678972) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (76728) 12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: Open University 1.30 English, Whose English? 2.00 Believing 4.00 Languages 5.00 Burliness and Work

### CHOICE

The Works The Billion Dollar Hole BBC2, 8.00pm (Woles, 7.30pm; Scotland,

Block 37, a three-acre site in downtown Chicago, was earmarked for a glossy new shop and office development. But it is now a shop and office development. But it is now a derelier eyesore, like a homb site pear to Piccadilly Circus. The story begins in the 1970s. Block 37 was rubbing along, with several viable businesses, but the city's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, was determined to pull it down and start again. There were legal obstacles but the niceties of the law had never worried Daley. A developer moved in, a famous architect was hired. But compensation claims from the former owners caused a six-year delay. The project was finally in place just in time for a real estate crash. Billions of dollars of public and private money have been lost and pessimists private money have been lost and pessimists fear the site will remain empty for ever.

Women At Play: Battle Axes Channel 4, 8.00pm

The choice for women members of the Sealed Knot, the society which re-enacts battles of the English Civil War, is either to assume a the English Civil War, is either to assume a male identity and join the soldiery or to settle for. being courtesans. Made amid preparations for the Battle of Torrington, Emma Black's film reveals that both roles have their appeal. "We are very bossy," says "Captain" Gill Walker, " and men worry about it." During one of her military escapades she was likened to Margaret Thatcher. She took it as a compliment. Dr. Rachel Habit also religious the idea of herica a Rachel Hahn also relishes the idea of being a man for a weekend. She turned to the Sealed Knot to keep herself sane when she was working 106-hour weeks in a hospital. As for Karin Keeley, cast as a very classy courtesan, she reckons that the 17th century offered a sad life for women without money. But she would like to have been Charles II's mistress.

ITV, 9.00pm and 10:40pm

Jimmy McGovern, the creator of Crucker, presents in his typically forthright style a drama-documentary about the Hillsborough football tragedy in which 96 fans died. To make a sprawling story manageable McGovern concentrates on the experiences of three bereaved families, and particularly the Hickses who lost both their daughters. He shows how their grief was compounded by the way they were treated by the authorities. Drawing on the verdict of the Taylor report, McGovern leaves no doubt that the police handling of the crowd was largely to blame for the tragedy. Perhaps more controversially, he suggests that the police did their best afterwards to disguise the truth. The cast includes well-known faces such as Ricky Tomlinson and Christopher Eccleston (both from Cracker), Annabelle

BBC2, 10.20pm

Tonight's ten-minute film is by G. F. Newman, who hardly qualifies for this series as a new writer but is making his debut as a director. The author of such abrasive dramas as Law and Order and The Nation's Health here tackles a theme which has nothing to do with his usual role as a merciless critic of British institutions. It is a mondy and engineering featuring Philin merciless critic of British institutions. It is a moody and enigmatic piece featuring Philip Jackson as a farmer meeting three hunters for a shoot on his land. At least this is what gradually emerges from a series of unnerving images which have more in common with a horror film than a tale of innocent rural recreation. With virtually no dialogue it is left to the spooty lighting and sound effects to create the tension and maintain it to the end. Peter Waymark

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3.30 THE REDDLERS (2307637) 3.40 Wizadora (1491018) 3.50 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (T) (8707673) 4.05 Scooby Doo (r) (2211768) 4.15 Name That Toon! (T) (1097495) 4.40 Out of Sight (T) (1070969)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7574037) 5.40 (TN NEWS (1) (789747)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (985495) 6.25 REGIONAL NEWS (150698)

7.00 EMMERDALE Kelly tells Viv she wente nothing more to do with her (1) (s) (3719) 7.30 THE BIG STORY With Dermol

Murraghan (940)
8.00 THE BILL: Paying for it Beech and Rawton investigate when it seems that a fether has been assaulted by his son , only to unsower a more shocking family secret (T) (8579)

8.30 IS IT LEGAL? Inducision The last episode of the series includes takeover bids, scandalous office love scenes and moral dilemmas for the slaft of the Hounslow solicitors' office (7) (8414)



HILLSBOROUGH A docu-drama with Christopher Scaleston, Ricky Tomfinson, Annaballe Apsion, Rachel Davies, Mark Womack and Tracey Williamson. Continues after the

10.00 ITN NEWS AT TEN (76679) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (278211)

10.40 HILLSBOROUGH Continues and 11.40 HUNTER McCAll investigates a scarr whereby models are used to lure businessmen imp hotel rooms where they are drugged and robbed (121312)

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3.35 LATE & LOUD (8684032) 4.30 THE TIME... THE PLACE (89029)

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Oscar Hammerstein/Jerome Kern musical staming kene Dunn, Allan Jones and Paul Robeson, Directed by James Whate (T) (82259) 11,30 THE LIVING SEA How ocean animals

attack or defend themselves (T) (s) (8259) 12.00 House To House (66292) 12.30pm Trumpton (91015853) 12.45 Allie Alluns (91010308) 1.00 Sesame Street (99018) 2.00 FILM: Golden Girl (1951). A musical drama starting Mitzi Gaynor. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (T) (4308)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (\$) (969) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (6) (853) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (T) (s) (2648785)

5.45 POND LIFE (T) (s) (779380) 5.00 NEW GAMESMASTER With Dominik Diamond and Petrick Moore (a) (178) 6.30 HOLLYOAKS The news about Rob is all

over the papers (T) (s) (698) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (T) (s) and weather

7.50 THE SLOT (503495)



WOMEN AT PLAY: BATTLE AXES A look at some of the ternale members of Britain's largest reenactment society. (T) (7921)

8.30 TV DINNERS Food series presented by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstell. This week the art critic Cells Lyttleton prepares sculptured dishes (T) (s) (6056)

9.90 DISPATCHES An investigation into how millions of pounds of texpayers' money has been wasted paying excessive prices for the slaughter of cattle over 30 months old (T) (s) (705259) 9,45 THE LLOYDS BANK CHANNEL 4 FILM

CHALLENGE: RHYTHMS Judy Flynn -izog mont panetitue namow a sa areja natal depression (T) (s) (518308) 10.00 FILM: Backbest (1993) starring Stephen

Dorff. The award-winning story of the tifth Beatle, Stuart Sutciffe, written and directed by lain Softley. With lan Hart and Stephen Dorff (1) (s) (638105) 11.55 FILM: The Hours and the Times An imaginary weekend in the life of Brian Spatein and John Lennon in Barcelona.

As in Backbear, Ian Hart takes on the role of Lennon (r) (T) (111292) 1.00 am MOVIEWATCH Young critics give their views on new film releases (r)

(37858865)1.35 THE NIGHTMARE YEARS (I) (T) (6) (465186)

3.20 PLAY MAS The role of masks in the Trinidad carnival (r) (66270322) 3,35 FILM: All Fall Down (1962, b/w). Drama starring Warren Beatty (908032). Ends at 6,30

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Prospect of embarrassing defeat recedes as Croft and Tufnell strike

# Spinners help England to turn the corner

From Simon Wilde in harare

HARARE (second day of four): Mashonaland, with one firstinnings wicket in hand, are 82 runs ahead of England

A COLLAPSE in the lower half of the Mashonaland batting order may not exactly be cause for national rejoicing. but it could mark a turning point on the tour of Zimba-bwe. England still face an uphill battle to avoid an embarrassing defeat at the hands of the provincial side in the weakest Test country in the world, but one session of good cricket — plus the benefit of some poor umpiring - may finally have sparked them out of their somnambulance.

An hour after tea on the second day of their match at Harare Sports Club, England were 61 runs in arrears and, having spent nearly five hours in broiling heat, with virtually nothing to show for it, striking sorry figures in the field. The only consolation was that the ball had begun to turn and Tufnell and Croft to exert a measure of control.

Then Tufnell claimed the wicket of David Houghton. Croft removed Paul Strang. primarily a leg spinner (with today) but with a Test century against Pakistan to his name, and the collapse had begun. In wickets fell for 17 runs, two of them to Tufnell and four to Croft, whose spell read 6-3-5-4. Earlier in the day, he was top scorer in the England innings of 197 with an unbeaten 80.

At the close, Mashonaland — at one time 258 for three — were thus 279 for nine, a lead of 82. However, with the ball turning sharply by the end of the day, Houghton, the Zim-babwe coach, felt that a target of 200 in the fourth innings would be extremely difficult to reach. He also expressed surprise that the pitch was turn-

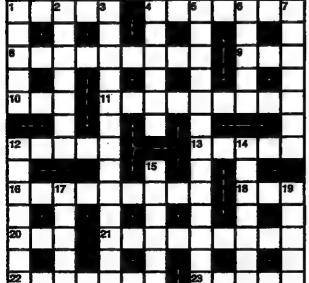
ing, as the pitches here are notoriously unresponsive.

Even if England win this match, Zimbabwe have struck some important psychological blows in advance of the Test series, and many of them were inflicted yesterday by the rapi-er-like blade of Houghton, who played a marvellously calculated innings of 110 from 141 balls. "I wanted to put a point across," he said later. "I wanted to tell England that we are not afraid of your bowl-

ing." He did that all right. For three hours he won the battle with each bowler in turn, never allowing them to

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settle into their rhythm. He danced down the wicket to drive Mullally for four when the fast bowler began a new spell, and astonishingly repeated the manneuvre to reverse-sweep Croft. He reached both his half-century and his century with hoisted sixes, off Tufnell and Croft respectively.

He may be 39 years old, but in the world today than Houghton, who averages 48 from 18 Test matches - not bad for a man who began playing Tests at 35, an age when most players are past their best, if not in retirement. If England are to win a Test match here, they must find a way of removing him cheaply.

Further encouragement for Zimbabwe came with the form of Alistair Campbell, their captain, who scored an aggressive 55, and Craig Wishart, who averages 12 from six Test appearances but looked completely unfazed in making 45, at least until the ball started to turn sharply.

Well as their two spinners bowled, England enjoyed more than their share of luck. Grant Plower was leg-before to Tufnell when his front leg was well down the pitch, and Croft later experienced similar joy against Brent. But it was the dismissal of Campbell that caused most controversy, as he apparently got his bat nowhere near the ball that

Stewart's body - to Hussain at slip. Campbell walked off at funereal pace and not before asking one of the two Indian had been given out. England were fortunate in mother respect, too. During

the afternoon, the ball went out of shape and was replaced by one that was, apparently, considerably older. However, the first delivery bowled with it turned sharply and, from that point on, Tufnell and Croft took control. The performances of the

encouraging. Gough, who left the field briefly after tea because of further problems with his blistered feet, bowled well early on but his success in discomfiting Carlisle with the short ball led him to pitch too short later, a fault of which Caddick was also guilty.

They had clearly learnt nothing from watching Kirtley, who claimed the last England wicket to complete excellent figures of five for 53. What England must do now is but well today.



Tufnell looks down on his luck as Houghton races to his century for Mashonaland in Harare yesterday...

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# Case dismissed as Brighton manager

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JIMMY CASE, the Brighton manager, was dismissed yes-terday, plunging the bottom club in the Nationwide League deeper into turmoil. It has no ground to call its own, no apparent prospects and, now, no manager. The Goldstone Ground, scene of so many crowd protests this season and last, is likely to witness further disturbances in the wake of Case's unexpected departure.

Though Brighton lie nine points adrift at the foot of the third division, Case, 42, the former Liverpool midfield player, was held largely blameless by the club's supporters. He took on a thankless task when he succeeded Liam Brady in November last year and has had to try to manage against a backdrop of increasing anger aimed at the Brighton board.

Most of it has been directed at Bill Archer, the Brighton chairman, and Derek Bellotti, the chief executive. Fans claim that the pair have not acted in the best interests of the club and that they should allow a consortium headed by Dick Knight, a local businessman.

to take over. At the end of the season Brighton have to leave the Goldstone, which has been sold, and they have an-

nounced a ground-sharing agreement with Gillingham that only inflamed the supporters' annoyance. The move is still subject to approval from the Football Association.

Results have matched the chaotic off-the-pitch proceedings, with Brighton having won only three of their 22 league fixtures this season. They were also knocked out of the FA Cup by Sudbury Town, of the Dr Martens League

After the 3-2 home defeat by Darlington on Tuesday night and more protests from the fans, Case said: "Because of the climate at the club, we are going steadily downhill. Experience in football has told me that, eventually, things turn in your favour. It's so disappointing but I want to see this

Yesterday, Bellotti felt unable to grant him his wish. We want to record our thanks to Jimmy for his efforts and realise his job has been very difficult," Bellotti said. George Petchey. 64, the

former Leyton Orient and Miliwali manager, moves from reserve and youth coach. to become caretaker manager.

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# Chairman spells it out for Emerson

ON TUESDAY evening the Middlesbrough programme was advertising a new book about the club's rise from the ashes, called Doom to Boom. A guide to the present might

add the words and Back.
A 2-0 defeat by Leicester
City meant Middlesbrough
had taken three points out of the last 30, a run that leaves them hovering perilously close to the bottom three. As worry-ing as these results is the continuing turmoil surrounding Emerson, who again failed to return from a trip home on

Yesterday the club finally lost patience with the errant Brazilian, fining him £100,000 and warning that his battle with the club could cost him

"Emerson has been severely disciplined, and unless his conduct improves, further action will follow," Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, said. "He is staying here. If he doesn't comply, he will lose everything and it will cost him his career. He is contracted to us until June 2000, which will leave him nearly 29 years of age."

Emerson, or his wife, Azdrea, have insisted that they have been unable to settle on Teesside, and moves to Barce-

# long to join up with Bobby Robson, his manager at Porto, have been widely rumoured. Middlesbrough appeared to put the lid on that one yester-

day, Gibson launching an attack on the Spanish club and Emerson's advisers.

"Barcelona's conduct in this affair requires investigation. We are disappointed by Ernerson, but we believe he has been badly advised," Gibson said. "In fact, there has been disgraceful manipulation of the player so that somebody can profit from the sale of Emerson to Barcelona.

The events have been carefully orchestrated by Emerson's agent, possibly with the permission of Barcelona."

Blackburn Rovers are also finding that European waters can be murky as they continue their search for a manager. Sven-Goran Eriksson, whose contract at Sampdoria expires in the summer, is widely believed to be their first choice, and rumours persisted yesterday that he had visited Blackburn for talks with the chairman, Rob Coar, on Monday. The situation is ongoing.

and we don't comment on candidates, whether to tick them or cross them off," Coar said in enigmatic lashion last

# Mansell to have test drive for Jordan next week

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NIGEL MANSELL will test drive a Jordan-Peugeot next week in a move that increases the chances of him returning to Formula One next season. Mansell accepted an invitation to drive the car in Barcelona next Wednesday and Thursday after meeting Eddie Jordan, the team owner, at

Mansell, the former champion, last drove a Formula One car at the 1995 Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona, ending a two race come-back with McLaren-Mer-cedes. Jordan first contacted him after they lost out to TWR Arrows for the signature of Damon Hill for 1997.

Mansell said: "It's 20 years since Eddie and I raced against each other in Formula Ford. We are old friends and I am delighted to bave this opportunity to reacquaint my-self with a Formula One car." Jordan added Si we asked Vigei several times over the years to drive one of my cars, but the timing wasn't right Now it is. There's no commit-ment from either party beyond this test. Nigel is Britain's most successful Formula One driver of all that and it's an honour for everydne at Jordan Grand Prix to give him this

he would be prepared to return to Formula One, or IndyCar racing in the United States, for the right offer. He won the Formula One and IndyCar champtonships in successive years in 1992-93

will be really good with which Ralf can learn from However, Schumacher also offered a warming to Mansell.

Once he has been back for one or two races he is going to get bored because his car is not one in which he can win

Manuell's ill-fated return in 1995 was delayed, embarrass-ingly, when the cockpit of his McLaren proved to be too small for him and had to be remodelled.





By Tom Rhodes in Washington and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A GLOBAL coalition of retired senior generals and admirals from countries including Brit-ain, America and Russia yesterday issued a joint demand for the complete and irrevocable elimination of the world's nuclear arsenal.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the former Chief of the Defence Staff, and General Sir Hugh Beach, a member of the UK Security Commission, joined nearly 40 senior officers from America and Russia, including General John Galvin, the former Supreme Aland General Aleksandr Lebed in calling for the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons. In Washington, General Andrew Goodpaster, a former

Supreme Allied Commander and adviser to President Eisenhower, joined General Lee Butler, former Commanderin-Chief of the US Strategic Command, in issuing their own joint statement.

The United States and other nations, they said, should take steps to align nuclear weapons policies to match their dimin-ished role and leading to

rapidly as possible.

The ultimate objective of phased reductions should be the complete elimination of nuclear weapons from all nations," they said. "No one can say today whether or when this final goal will prove feasible ... but we believe the

alternative of inaction could well carry a high price." The generals added that

nuclear weapons were no longer necessary in a post-Cold War world and merely provided an option to respond in kind to any nuclear threat or attack by others, including rogue nations. Other risks included accidents, unauthorised launches, and the theft of weapons or weapons materials by international and domestic terrorist groups. De-spite the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, nuclear arms could spread to other nations and cause a war risk.

Conventional capabilities after the agreement on a Com-prehensive Test Ban Treaty. offered a sufficient deterrent and defence against convenanother important developtional forces and, combined ment in their view that underlines the need to change longstanding nuclear strategy.

Lord Carver has made clear in the past that he supports a total elimination of nuclear arms. He said recently that nuclear weapons had "no utility as a military weapon". He supports the idea of a phased approach that would begin with taking weapon systems off alert and removing warheads from delivery General Lebed, who until

with other defensive mea-

his recent sacking was President Yeltsin's National Security Adviser, is joined on the list of signatories by General Boris Gromov, who achieved international prominence as the last commander of Russian forces in Afghanistan.



Cold War relic: a warhead on a Minuteman missile



# Mother **Teresa** walking

Calcutta: Mother Teresa was described as "fine" by her doctors yesterday after she was able to walk a few steps in her hospital room in Calcutta (Christopher Thomas writes). After a night of respiratory therapy she told doctors to leave her alone so that she could rest. She later took Mass

sitting in a chair.

Medical bulletins continue to emphasise that she is not out of danger and that her lung and kidney diseases could present dangerous com-plications. Her lungs were said last night to be "slightly improved" but her kidney condition was unchanged.

### Yeltsin tries to pacify miners

Moscow: President Yeltsin appointed a special envoy yesterday to mollify striking coal-miners, who have not been paid for months and are threatening to bring down the Government if their demands are not met. Mr Yeltsin appointed Vladimir Potanin, the Deputy Prime Minister, after talks with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, at the Barvikha sanatorium near Moscow. (Reuter)

### Mandela hails new constitution

Johannesburg: The Constitutional Court certified a re-worked final draft of the postapartheid constitution after approving amendments to sec-tions it had earlier rejected (Inigo Gilmore writes). President Mandela hailed the occasion as a "magnificent piece of history". The amended draft gives provincial parliaments greater say in the passing of legislation.

### Guatemala pact ends shooting

Oslo: Nearly seven years after the adversaries in Guatemala's civil war held a first awkward meeting in Oslo, they signed a pact calling a permanent ceasefire in the 36r-old conflict. More than 140,000 people have died in the war. Talks, in which an amnesty for wartime atrocities has been a key issue, are continuing. (Reuter)

## Havel pays car doctors more

Prague: Doctors who per-formed lung surgery on Presi-dent Havel this week earned a lower hourly wage for the three-hour operation than the mechanics who work on his official car. The daily Mlada Fronta Dnes said the doctors were each paid about £48. The mechanics are paid £30 an hour. (Reuter)



Miss Lucky Girl: Alison Gibson

# Japanese fall for Briton in a kimono

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

A CAMBRIDGE student was chosen yesterday as Miss Lucky Girl in Osaka, beating 500 Japanese women compeiing for the coveted title.

Alison Gibson, 21, tri-umphed after parading before an all-male jury in a kimono and explaining in fluent Japa-nese how she would honour Ebisu, the money god. As Fukumusume, or Miss Lucky Girl, she will preside over next year's festival for Ebisu, who is worshipped all over Japan but most fervently in Osaka, known as the "city of merchants". Many Japanese believe that praying to Ebisu

will bring them riches.
"I'm so excited," said Miss Gibson, the first foreigner to be queen of the festival. "I thought being a traditional Japanese festival they'd have chosen a proper Japanese girl."

The nine judges, all aged over 60, were impressed with a kimono and modest way of speaking — qualities they found deplorably absent in Japan's younger generation. Miss Gibson, a student of

Japanese at Robinson College, Cambridge, is spending a year studying the language in Japan. She said the family she stays with entered her in the contest without asking her.

Her mother, who lives in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, was delighted at the news. The Japanese are portrayed as very xenophobic, but if they allow a Westerner to do so well in something like this, then they can't be all that introverted," Mrs Gibson

# Britain attempts to quell Hong Kong fears over passports

From Jonathan Mirsky in hong kong

THE British and Hong Kong Governments moved yester-135,000 people in this colony with British passports who feared they would not receive consular protection after the 1997 Chinese takeover.

The alarm was sparked by Francis Cornish, the Senior Trade Commissioner and a senior Foreign Office official here, who gave the impression on Tuesday that Britain could not protect holders of passports, granted in 1990 to allay fears after the Tiananmen killings, because Peking does not regard them as valid. We provide British consul-

nationals except those who are nationals of another country. China has made it clear that they would regard the British Nationality Selection Schemel holders as Chinese nationals." Mr Cornish said. He explained that, according to international convention, people with dual nationality living in one of the countries of which they are a citizen cannot claim consular protection

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from the other. Distinguished Hong Kong lawyers and the retired Chief Justice Ti Liang Yang immediately suggested that the scheme's passport holders could hold Britain legally liable to recognise their passports as equal to any other. despite Chinese non-recognition. Yesterday, reacting to pressure from the Hong Kong Government, the Foreign Of-

fice emphasised: There is

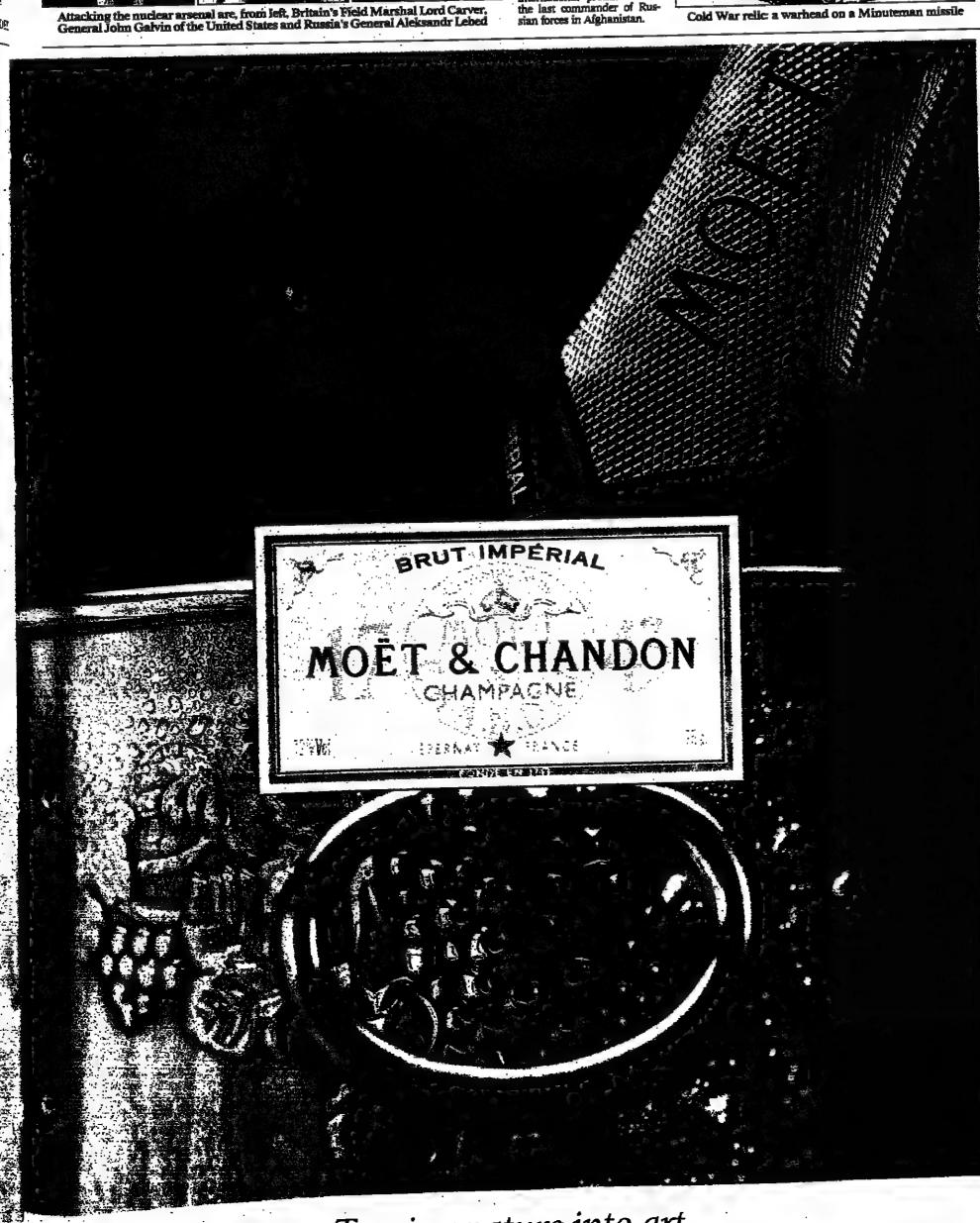
only one form of British passport ... we do not accept that the way in which a British citizen obtained his or her passport would of itself be evidence of dual nationality. We would not regard any claim by the local authorities that a British passport had been obtained under the Brit-

ish Nationality Selection Scheme as itself relevant or acceptable evidence of dual nationality.

Zhang Junsheng, deputy di-rector of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto embassy in the colony, said of the nationality scheme passport: "It was a British act to create trouble." He was referring to Britain's condemnation of Tiananmen and its desire to reassure some Hong Kong people that they could seek refuge in Britain.

Government House described the BNSS passport vesterday as "just like the one in John Major's pocket".





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THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 5 1996

# First draft for revised EU treaty leaves big issues on back burner

THE first sketch for a revamped Maastricht treaty will be put before the European Union states today but it leaves unburied some of the biggest bones of contention, making it unlikely that John Major will face a federalist "am-bush" at next week's European

summit in Dublin. Britain's isolated stance echoes through the draft, produced after nine months of talks, and the Government this week voiced its unhappiness over the "centrist" ideas. The main affront to British sovereignty qualms is a move,

centralise control over external frontiers. Britain is also unhappy about an "employment chapter to be written into the treaty.

Differences are still so wide among all 15 members that Ireland, outgoing holder of the EU presidency, has attempted no text on key areas involving extending majority voting into areas that are now subject to a veto, plans for variable integration, or remodelling the European Commission and other institutions.

Britain's imminent general election is blamed by the officials of other states for the failure of the inter-governmental conference

(IGC) to engage in real negotia-tion. As expectations have been trimmed across the Continent. Dutch officials, whose country takes over the presidency next month, are not confident that a new treaty will be finished as planned at June's EU summit in

Amsterdam. While Britain is seen as the main obstacle, the slow pace is also fed by Franco-German tension over single currency and the Union's future shape, as well as by a dispute between the big and small states over the power balance in a much enlarged Europe. The Commission fears the big states will succeed in clipping its

wings. Marcelino Oreja, the Com-missioner on the IGC, was reported yesterday to have promised to resign if that should happen.

Federal-minded officials are deploring what they see as a looming failure to produce the more inte-grated, streamlined Union that the IGC is supposed to deliver, so setting the scene for the entry of former Communist bloc states. The negotiations haven't even started. This is a real breakdown of the Community," said Elisabeth Guigou, one of two European Parliament representatives on the IGC. "All that will happen in Dublin is the leaders will take

again. They should just call off all summits until the British bave

The Irish, who have won praise for an energetic presidency, say the draft seeks to distil a consensus on some points but encompasses working basis for further negotiation," said Noel Dorr, the Irish diplomat who has steered the inter-governmental conference

that hig decisions will be made only in a final bout of "horsetrading" by leaders under deadline pressure. That pressure will spring mainly from the more mo-

nonetary union, and by that year's tions. Few officials believe, however, that any British Labour government would be ready by

une to agree on the EU's future. President Chirac and Helmot Kohl, the German Chancellor, are holding three meetings in the ten days before Dublin to try to smooth over differences and inject life in o the summit and the IGC. The drly big Franco-German proposal so far - for a system illowing states to integrate faster if they choose - has not only runinto British opposition but raised

German-led hard core. The Irish draft leaves the issue open.

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French reluctance to accept German ideas for more pooling of sovereignty is adding to friction between them over preparations for EMU, the overriding EU project and one that lies outside the IGC. □ Canberra: Australia said yesterday it would not sign a trade agreement with the EU because the treaty contained a reference to human rights -- a standard clause in EU accords — which it said did not belong in a trade pact. (AP)

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# Troops join Paris safety patrols after train bomb

HUNDREDS of police and soldiers armed with machinewere patrolling the streets, railway stations and landmarks of Paris yesterday. after Tuesday's bomb attack on a crowded commuter train which killed two people and destroyed any residual belief that France has eradicated the threat of Islamic violence.

Anti-terrorism police said home-made the powerful bomb, a 30lb gas canister packed with black powder and nails to cause maximum carnage, bore all the hallmarks of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the extremists trying to topple the French-backed military Gov-

ernment in Algeria. The explosion on the rushhour RER train in Port Royal station, which injured more than 50 people, was virtually identical in timing and technique to the bombing of Saint Michel station on July 25 last year, two stops away on the same line, in which seven people died and scores were injured. The GIA claimed responsibility for last year's bomb attacks.

"Striking similarities exist between this attack and the 1995," Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, said yesterday as 1,800 soldiers were ordered to reinforce security in the capital and at public

buildings across the country. Forensic tests showed that the explosive was an identical mixture of chemicals to that used in the 1995 bombings. while the triggering device was also the same. The gas canister had been wrapped in a plastic bag full of nails. restigators said.

Metal barriers have been erected in front of schools, rubbish bins in crowded areas are being resealed and security has been tightened at borders and airports, officials

In March Jean-Louis Debré. France's Interior Minister, declared that the immediate threat from Islamic guerrilla networks in France had been neutralised, after a massive police operation in which more than 100 suspected fundamentalists were arrested. Despite such optimism, there have been several reports in recent months suggesting that Algerian militants were regrouping for a fresh bombing campaign in France.

Last month the DST. France's counter-esplonage his way from Afghanistan to co-ordinate a new wave of



Soldiers on patrol at the Gare du Nord in Paris yesterday after Tuesday's bomb on a commuter train in which two people were killed

gets. The suspected cell leader evaded French agents, Le Monde reported yesterday.

French officials say that ctive support networks for Islamic guerrillas exist in Britain, Germany, Beigium and Sweden, and the Foreign Min-istry yesterday called on France's European partners to step up their anti-terrorist Françoise Rudetski, the

head of a French support group for terrorism victims. yesterday accused Britain of failing to clamp down on the country, who she said provided financing for attacks bombings against French tar- in France. But British and

French officials insist the two countries have been working closely to combat terrorism.

Rachid Ramda, an Algerian accused of playing a key role being held in London pending his appeal against deporta-tion. On Monday the trial will begin of 34 suspected mem-bers of an Islamic ring charged with recruiting, in-doctrinating and training young men in France's troubled inner cities to carry out

the vast and expensive antiterrorist operation codethat the groups responsible for last year's bloody campaign had been largely broken up. One of those who slipped

through the French security net, however, was Ali Touchent, alias "Tarek", a GIA militant suspected of recruiting youths in Lyons to carry out attacks whose whereabouts are unknown. Touchent's alleged recruits in-cluded Khaled Kelkal, the bomber-shot dead by police in eptember last year.

attacks in North Africa. The Vigipirate plan was more than 1,000 additional riot police, paramilitary gen-

poured onto the capital's streets in anticipation of fur-

ther bombines... We must be alert to the possibility that this was not an solated attack," a government

spokesman warned. President Chirac called a. ministerial meeting yesterday to co-ordinate new measures. in response to the attack, but for Parisians the sight of reinforced police and military petrols have brought a horride feeling of dejà vu,

of terrorism will bite into pre-Christmas sales. investigators say the timing

of Tuesday's blast points to retaliation for the new constitution adopted in Algeria last week, which bans Islamic political parties and grants extensive new powers to

President Zeroual. Islamic extremists accuse France of providing President Zeroual with political and economic support, but the official Erench response to the referendum on Algeria's new constitution was expendly mujed, precisely to minimise potential terrorist retaliation. Three people injured in critical yesterday. The body of one of those killed was muti-

# Juppé has to shelve defence sell-off

BI BEN MACINTYRE

IN A fresh blow to the French Government, the privatisation of the giant state-owned Thomson consumer electronics and defence group was suspended yesterday after France's independent Privatithe planned sale of part of the group to a South Korean firm. On October 16 the Government announced its preference for selling Thomson SA to Lagadère, the private defence-electronics group, over a rival bidder, Alcatel Alsthom. the electronics and engineer-

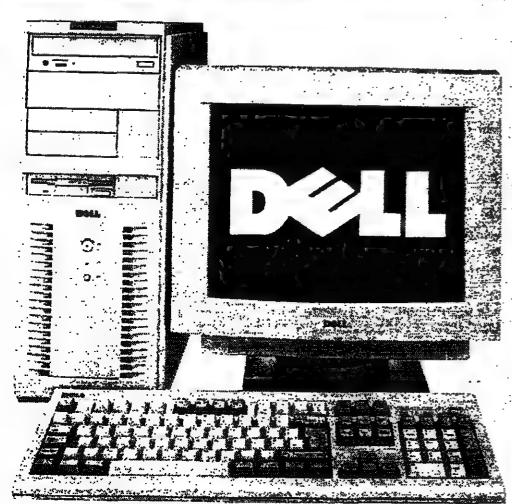
Lagardère's plans to sell on Thomson Multimedia, the consumer electronics division. to Daewoo Electronics of Korea provoked an outcry among workers, industrialists and opposition politicians. After weeks of defending its choice, the Finance Ministry has faced the humiliation of having to halt the sale.

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, yesterday insisted that negotiations on privatising Thomson would be resumed as soon as possible.

The European Commission The European Commission has already expressed doubts over plans to inject nearly Frilbillion (£1.4 billion) of state capital into Thomson, but yesterday the Privatisation Commission declared itself incapable of giving a favourable opinion to the Lagardere Groupe offer, because of the terms of the of Thomson Multimedia".

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Sudeten Germans threaten Kohl over

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SUDETEN Germans, expel-

ied from the then Czechoslovakia after the Second World War, were determined yesterday to make life difficult for Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, if he goes ahead with a longdelayed friendship treaty with Prague. The German leader and

Vaclav Klaus, the Prime Minister of the new Czech Republic, at a meeting in Lisbon on Tuesday, agreed that the way was now clear to sign a declaration aimed at closing the book on the Second World War. The Czech Republic is the only victim of Nazi occupation not to have come to terms with Germany. Diplomats said yesterday that a final round of talks would be needed but that the agreement would probably be ready for

signing by the end of the year. The Sudeten Germans -who constitute a remarkably powerful element within the Bavarian Christian Social Union - are furious. "The government coalition obviously did not think it necessary to inform the Sudeten Germans of the exact wording of the declaration." Franz Neubauer. chairman of the Sudeten community, said. "The decisions are once again being taken over the heads of those

Herr Kohl has promised to talk directly to the Sudeten Germans and persuade them of the need to reach an accommodation with Prague. He is likely to have a rough ride. Plainly there will now be trouble between the Chancellor and his Bavarian ally, the

More two million ethnic Germans were expelled by the Czechoslovak Government after the war, often forced into to cattle trucks. Houses were confiscated and, according to several personal memoirs, German women were raped and beaten. Witnesses say that away more ground than any-

one in the Czech Republic thought possible after almost two years of detailed, sluggish

negotiations. In part this is

because of his impatience. He

has been receiving reports

from the German Embassy in

Prague about the tarnishing of

the German image, and was worried that Czech-German

friction would complicate

European Union enlargement

talks due to begin soon after

the end of the inter-govern-

mental conference next For the Sudetens, Herr Kohl

has surrended one of the key

bargaining points: Prague's

determination to be in the first

wave of new European Union entrants. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister — from the Bavarian CSU — had hinted

that Prague's path to the EU would be more difficult unless

it made concessions.



nailed to the wheels of carts, The Sudetens have urged the German Government to press for a full apology from the Czechs and for the right of Sudetens to reclaim their lost homes or at least to settle again in the region.

The Czech Government resisted, fearing a flood of German property claims and sensitive in any case to popular resentment about growing German influence in the republic. A commentator for the Prague Post recently declared: "The status of the Czech Republic has gone from that of a Soviet satellite to that of a German protectorate."

The terms of the agreement are still secret. It is already clear that Prague will not concede that the expulsion was illegal. It is ready to state public regret about the "excesses" carried out by Czechs in forcing the Germans out; the Germans in turn will applopise for Nazi atrocities.

That means none of the four basic demands of the Sudetens will have been met: active consultation of the Sudetens during the Bonn-Prague talks, a full moral condemnation of the Sudetens to a right to a homeland and the cancellation of the so-called Benes decrees which deny property rights to ethnic Germans. The Chancellor has given

# Swiss turned away 30,000

Berne: More than 30,000, material published yesterday. were refused entry to Switzerland during the Second World War, according to archive

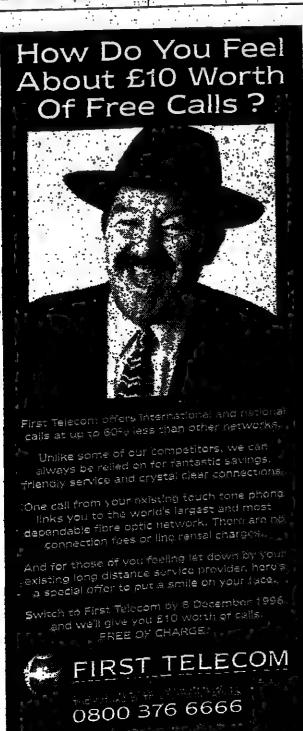
o, The figures are three times higher than earlier estimates and result from research carried out by the Swiss national

The researchers said the The researchers said the expulsions were carried out in the full knowledge of the dangers the refugees faced.

According to the archives, 24,400 people were unried back, at the border, and the full that the border, and the full that the border and the full that the

asylum after application from abroad. "Certainly more than 30,000 asylum-seekers were refused entry into Switzer land," one researcher said.













Key players in the birth of the Church of England: from the left, Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn and Pope Clement VII

# Carey seeks to speed up closing of Reformation rift

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, said yesterday that he was "very pleased" with his dialogue with the Pope intended to breathe new life into the Anglican-Catholic relationship. However, with only progress towards unity was "unsatis-factory" and the two sides had jointly to confront a "threatened collapse" of

moral values. "I feel frustrated that the great promises and hopes that seemed to be in the air a few years ago just do not seem to have borne the fruit that they should have." he said.

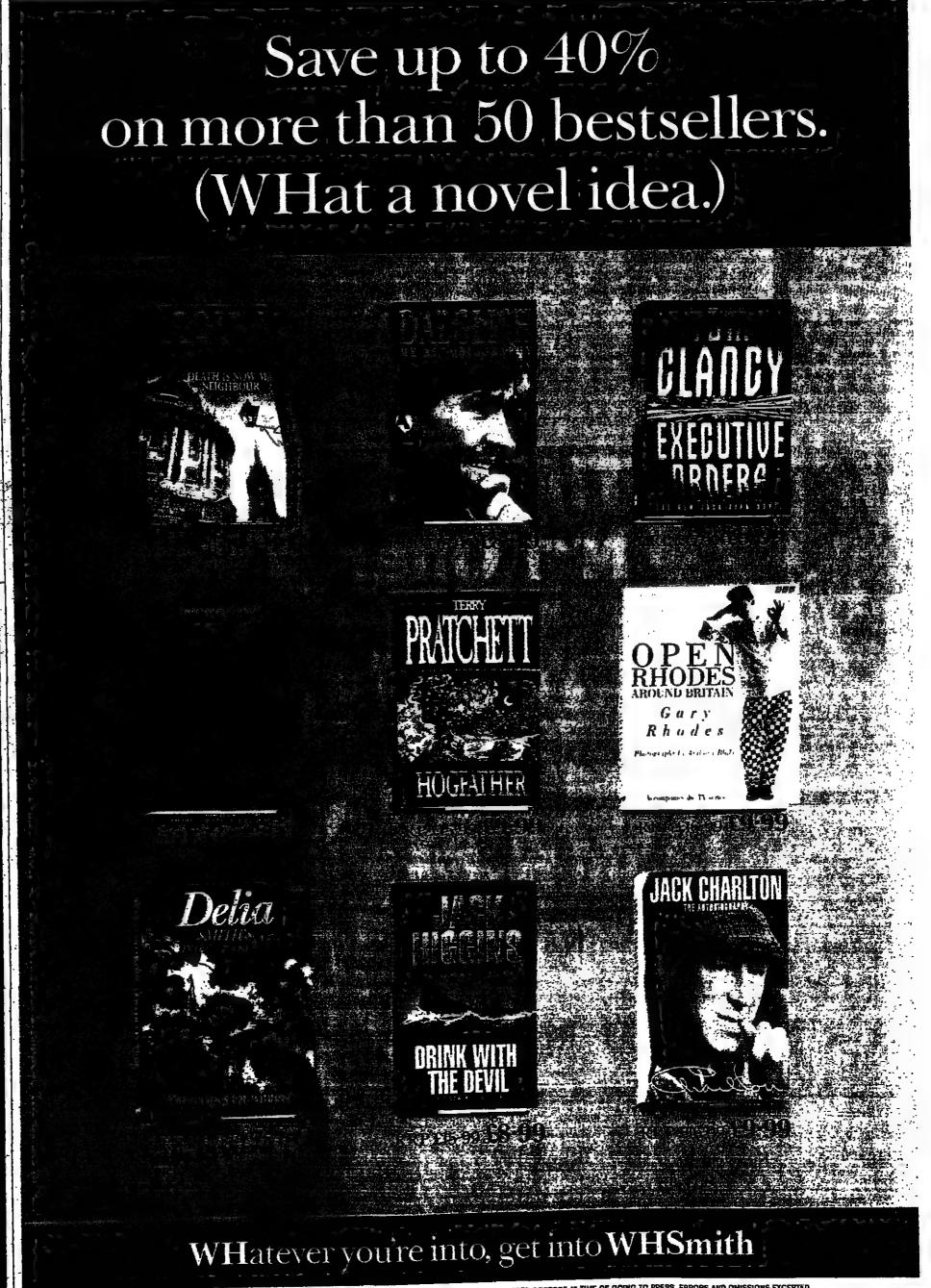
Dr Carey, accompanied by his wife, en, yesterday knelt in prayer at the tomb of St Peter on his second day in Rome. Today he meets the Pope for substantive talks on divisive issues. such as the Anglican decision four years ago to ordain women priests, a controversy that has overshadowed

his visit but has yet to be confronted. Tomorrow he goes to Milan to meet Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the city's Archbishop, who is a noted liberal seen by many as a future candidate for the papacy.

Yesterday Dr Carey toured the Vatican's Secret Archives and was shown a 1530 letter from Henry VIII to Pope Clement VII asking the Pope to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. The Pope refused and four

Supremacy, renouncing Rome and, in effect, establishing the Church of

The Archbishop also visited St Peter's crypt where several 20th-century popes lie buried, pausing at the tomb of Paul VI (1963-78). He recalled that talks between Paul VI and the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, had opened the way for the first Anglican-Catholic



CIA 'set

up' death

squads in

Colombia

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI - IN RIO DE JANEIRO VIGILANTE squads terroris-

ing Colombia's rural areas

were set up with assistance

from the CIA, according to

Human Rights Watch, an

week, Assassination Squads

in Colombia, the organisation

says CIA agents went to Colombia in 1991 to help the

military to train undercover

agents in anti-subversive ac-

tivity. CIA expertise was then

used to set up a network of paramilitary groups to clamp down on the left-wing guerril-

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These "illegal" paramilitary

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At least 2,000 people have

The level of human rights

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totally out of control," a West-

em diplomat in Bogotá said.

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(Farc), and its supporters.

American organisation. In a report published this

# Judge attacked for ruling in favour of gay marriages

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PAVING the way for the official recognition of gay marriage in his state, a Hawaiian judge has become the first in American history to declare that denying marriage licences to homosexual couples is unconstitutional.

In a 46-page ruling that marks a turning point for the gay rights movement. Judge Kevin Chang of Honolulu declared there was no evidence that same-sex parents were any worse at raising children than heterosexual ones. Denying them the legal rights of married couples was a simple case of sex discrimination, he concluded.

The decision, issued late on Tuesday, was denounced by religious conservatives as "judicial tyranny and an attempt to roll back 6,000 years of tradition. However, three gay couples whose legal action six years ago led to the ruling greeted it with tears of relief.

"I didn't think I would cry if it was a good decision, but this is a big day for us," said a sobbing Ninia Bachr, who now lives with her partner, Genora Dancel, in Baltimore but is planning a small private wedding in Maui.

Government lawyers in Hawali have announced that they will appeal against Judge Chang's verdict but the state's Supreme Court is thought to be unlikely to overturn it. Whatever the outcome of the case in Hawaii, it is another matter whether homosexual marriages will be recognised throughout America. Last venr's federal Defence of Mar-

riage Act refused to recognise gay marriages, and 16 main-land states have passed laws banning them.

Gay leaders were jubilant vesterday, however, pointing out that this is the first time an American court has defended same-sex marriage on existing constitutional grounds, "This decision marks the beginning of the end of sex discrimination in marriage just as we brought an end to race discrimination in marriage a generation ago," Evan Wolf-son of the Lambda Legal

6 An activist judge has flouted public opinion and imposed his own agenda 🤊

Defence Fund, a gay rights group, said.

Hawaii's six years at the centre of the gay marriage issue began in 1990 when Ms Baehr, Ms Dancel, another lesbian couple and two gay men requested marriage licences at the Honolulu Health Department and were refused them. The three couples appealed to the state Supreme Court, which in 1993 found that denying same-sex couples the right to marry violated an "equal protection" clause in

Basing its decision on the plaintiffs' sex rather than their sexuality, the Supreme Court referred the case to the High Court, which had earlier upheld the denial of the marriage licences and where state law-

yers had now to prove that this

apparent sex discrimination

was to the public good. In a non-jury trial in September, expert witnesses testifying on the benefits to children of being raised by heterosexual parents did not persuade Judge Chang. They failed to establish a causal link between allowing samesex marriage and adverse effects on the development of children," he wrote.

Hinting that opponents of gay marriage may have hin-dered their own cause in the case, the judge concluded that their evidence "establishes that the single most important factor in the development of a happy, healthy and well-adjusted child is the nurturing relationship between parent and child."

Leina'ala Pregil, the 19-yearold daughter of one lesbian plaintiff, said after the verdict: A lot of kids grow up with parents who don't care for them. I have two parents who do love and care for me."

Conservatives said Judge Chang had ignored polls showing that 70 per cent of Hawaiians oppose gay mar-riage. "An activist judge has flouted public opinion and a reasonable law and imposed his own agenda," Robert Knight, of the Family



# Lesbian couple must wait for nuptials

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NINIA BAEHR and Genoral Dancel are not rushing out to order their wedding outlits. The lesbian couple, one of the three gay couples whose 1991 lawsuit against the Hawaii state government triggered this week's ruling, know there may still be a long way to go before they have the wedding of their dreams on a Hawai mountainside.

The Hawaii circuit court's

tal questions about states independence from federal law - and from each other's laws. The expectation that Hawaii would legalise gay marriage triggered a nationlegislation. In September. President Clinton, signed the Defence of Marriage Act, which denies federal benefits to same-sex couples and allows states to ignore gay marriages made under other

Laws banning gay mur-

and passed in 16. Two other state governors have banned gay unions by executive order. Homosexual groups' promotion of the right to marry is prompted as much by a desire

secure the financial and legal benefits of marriage as. the wish to put a formal. public stamp on emotional ties. At federal and state level and at work, marriage brings advantages such as tax and health insurance, and proper-It is no surprise that Hawaii has supplied the test case as it has a record of spearheading socially liberal policies.

No Hawah marriage U cences are likely to be issued immediately, however. Opponents of same-sex marriages will appeal to the state supreme court, a procedure exyear, and will press for the ruling to be suspended until then. They will also explore a second tactic proposing an amendment - to the Hawaii constitution which would ex-

Colombia by staging public killings of suspected rebal sympathisers, may of whom are innocent civilians. Training and military advice from the US has given the Colombi-

> nism to wage a dirty war," the The vigilantes stepped up their activity after the Farc, taking advantage of President Samper's waning credibility, renewed its violent campaign in September. Senor Samper has spent much of this year denying charges that he accepted cocaine money to fund his 1994 election.

> > As the lawlessness spreads, new "extermination squads" are being set up. In October. one "squad" terrorised the coffee growing village of San \*\* Roque, in Antioquia, where they dragged three men from their homes. After branding them as left-wing subversives they were shot in the head and hang from sees in the square. They were just humble coffee-pickers sleeping in their beds. Tone woman said. They

were-killed for no reason . . .



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# Hollywood actor admits taking drugs since he was eight

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE American film actor Robert Downey Jnr admitted last night that he has taken drugs, on and off, since he was an eight-year-old boy, and said he was "doped up" during the

Downey, 3L who was nominated for a best actor Oscar in 1992 for his title role in *Chaplin*, said that he was brought up in a household in which

drug-taking "was as casual as it would be having while wine with Thanksgiving". His father, Robert Downey Snr, is a celebrated "underground" film director and reared his son in the casual manner of the

artistic set in Vietnam-era America. The actor went on network television last night to disclose that a year ago he looked at himself in the mirror and realised: "Oh my God. I'm a junkie. You know, I'm a heroin addict . . . I'm like feeling sick and . . .

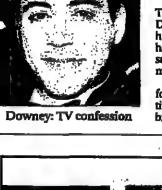
He told the interviewer Diane Sawyer - who last month interrogated the Duchess of York - that he was "under the influence" of drugs when he made the recent hit film Home for the Holidays. His condition was noticed by the film's director, Jodie Foster, who made an effort to help him. Downey, whose remarks betray a thriving drug culture in Hollywood, said that

drug taking was commonly tolerated in the American film business. Foster was "one of the few people who didn't just watch it happen and ... not say anything Downey. whose on-screen characters tend to be sunny, handsome youths with few problems, added that Foster told him she was "worried about you thinking that you can keep doing this - and she was absolutely right Sir Richard Attenborough, who directed Downey in Chaplin, once

called him "a brat pack gadfiy with virtually no discipline". His films have included To Live and Die in LA, Restoration and Natural Born Killers. In June, police found cocaine, crack and black tar heroin in the back of his car and his co-actor and friend. Sean Penn, characted an aircraft to fly Downey to a detoxification centre in Arizona. He ran away

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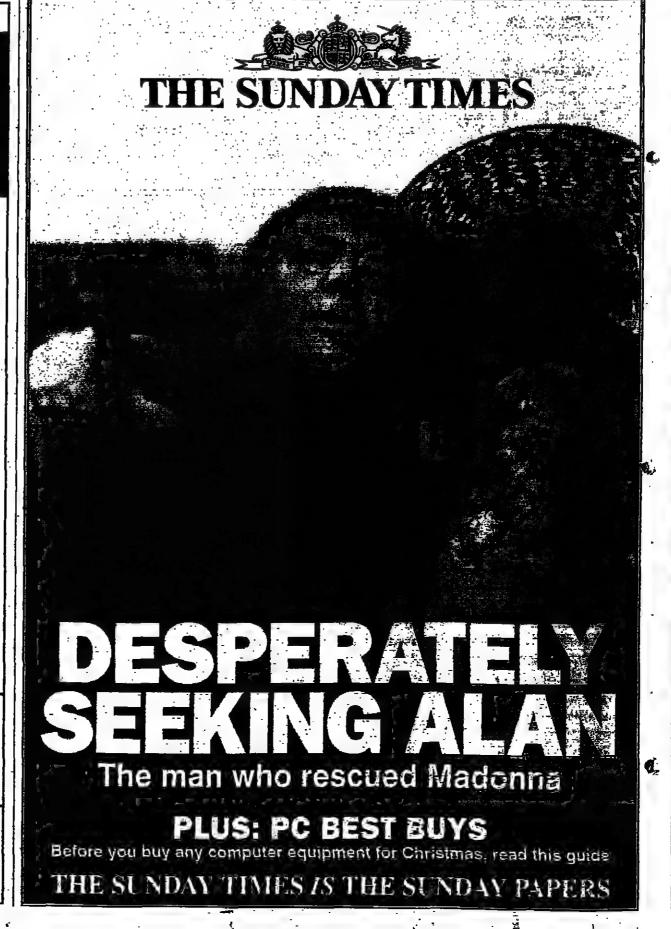
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# US mediator on Ireland tipped for top CIA job

AFTER weeks of deliberating over the choices for his secondterm Cabinet, President Clinton appeared set last night to shuffle Anthony Lake, his National Security Adviser and key negotiator on Ireland, to the directorship of the CIA.

White House officials said the President had decided tentatively to move Mr Lake and replace him with Samuel Berger, the deputy at the National Security Council.

In a sign that Hillary Clinton still exerts a strong influence in the decision-making process, Madeleine Albright, US Ambassador to the United Nations, also emerged as the Warren Christopher as Secretary of State. Mrs Clinton has campaigned behind the scenes to get a woman in a senior Cabinet role.

Mr Lake's transfer would have immediate resonance in London, Dublin and Belfast where senior ministers, Unionists and Sinn Fein members have come to view the quiet American as an open door to the President on Irish policy. Nancy Soderberg, his director of Irish affairs, is also rumoured to be seeking a role outside the White House.

Neither Mr Berger nor Ms Albright has a proved track record on Ireland and it remained unclear yesterday whether the Irish portfolio would remain at the NSC or be transferred to the State

Department. Mr Berger, 51, a former trade lawyer who has enjoyed a close relationship with Mr Clinton for more than 20 years, is viewed as a highly capable and charming successor. But his interests may be elsewhere. He played a key role in American intervention in Haiti in 1994 - still seen as one of the single foreign policy successes of the first term and has been at the heart of maintaining business and diplomatic ties with China.

Inside the White House there was little surprise at the possible change, but aides said a decision would not be taken until today or tomor-row. "Sandy would be a great replacement, and if Tony s go-ing then I'm sure it will have been his decision," said a senior NSC official.

A CIA appointment for Mr Lake could draw criticism from Republicans on Capitol Hill, who still criticise the White House foreign policy team for keeping US intelli-gence in the dark over giving the go-ahead to a covert Iranlan arms pipeline into Bosma. And it would certainly confirm growing Washington specula-tion that John Deutch, the current director, has little chance of a high-profile future in the new Administration. A former Provost at Massachussetts Institute of Technology, he was said yesterday to be talking to colleges about returning to academe.

# Stephanopoulos to teach

THE senior political adviser to President Clinton, George Stephanopoulos, 35, annr. nounced yesterday that he was accepting a post as visiting professor of political science at Columbia University (Tom Rhodes writes). He is also

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writing about the first Clinton term and is expected to appear regularly on television.

Speculation over his future has been rampant since he announced his decision to leave the White House after last month's presidential poll.



A five-minute exposure shows a Delta rocket's path as it left Cape Canaveral in Florida and passed in front of the Moon early yesterday. The rocket, delayed for two days, sent the Mars Pathfinder spacecraft, complete with the first interplanetary rover, on a 310 million-mile journey to the red planet, which it should reach on July 4

# Belgrade kept out Lost 16,000 mar Bosnia peace of Balkan talks

By Peter Capella in geneva AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE United States send a signal to President Milosevic yesterday that his crackdown of the Serbian opposition was unacceptable by excluding Belgrade from high-level talks in Geneva on economic cooperation in the Balkans.

American officials said the attempts to stifle the opposition, which has led to 17 days of street protests in Belgrade, was blatantly anti-democratic. Belgrade triggered the pro-tests by annulling election results that gave the opposition victory in 15 out of the 18 biggest Serbian towns. The US action came on the

eve of a regional initiative aimed at promoting joint economic projects. The two-day meeting launched by America and backed by the European Union and Russia, hopes to lay the building blocks for political stability in the Bal-

kans. Serbia's exclusion could lead to it being cut off from the initial stages of a regional

In Belgrade, opposition attempts to gain legal restitution in their fight against the Government were defeated yesterday when a court rejected its demand for new elections. The Democratic Party, a member of the Zajedno (Together) coalition, said the court rejected its claim that the ruling Socialists had defrauded it of victory.

That ruling and the court's refusal to allow an appeal heightened fears of grave political violence, as more than 100,000 protesters took to the

Mirko Mihajlovic, Zajedno's legal expert, admitted: "Not much more is to be expected from the regular disappeared after the occupa-

# By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

tion by Serb troops of the ABOUT 16,000 people are still Muslim enclave of Srebrenica missing, presumed killed, in in eastern Bosnia. Another Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the 1,500 were missing from Musbitterness of the waiting families poses a huge threat to peace in the country until their lim hands and 1,000 from Croat hands. The ICRC president said that, although he feared most fate has been determined. Cornelio Sommaruga, the president of the International

Committee of the Red Cross, said yesterday.

As John Major opened a two-day conference on Bosnia at Lancaster House in London, the words of Mr Sommaruga served as a warning to the 56 delegates that the hatred between the ethnic communities" remains, even though the guns have fallen

Mr Sommaruga is due to address the conference today. In an interview with The Times vesterday, however, he said about 13,000 of the missing were known to have been in the hands of the Bosnian Serbs, including 8,000 who problems, he said, was that, even when proof could be provided of someone's death in the form of a document, the family demanded to have the body and blamed the Red

Cross for failing to produce the remains.

He issued a warning that of the missing were dead, 100 whatever economic improvepeople had been found alive. ments were made and whatev-The ICRC, which has a maner reconstruction was carried date under the Dayton peace out, there could be no real accords to reunite families peace in Bosnia until the fate where possible, has faced "ag-gression" and harassment in of the missing 16,000 had been resolved. Fifty years after the trying to track down the Holocaust, families of the missing people, Mr Somma-ruga said. One of the main victims of Nazi atrocities were

# Bonn to deploy combat troops

Bonn: The Government here yesterday authorised the stationing of 3,000 soldiers in Bosnia, Germany's first deployment of full-fledged com-bat troops abroad since the Second World War. The decision, subject to expected

approval by the Bundestag. was a new step away from German reluctance to participate in international military missions outside Nato territory that was rooted in shame about the crimes committed in the Nazi era. (AP)

able to find documents to help them to trace the fate of their relatives in the death camps. Mr Sommaruga said he was convinced that somewhere there must also be records or papers that would provide proof of the fate of those on the

Bosnia missing list.

During yesterday's opening session at Lancaster House the Prime Minister said that one year after the Dayton peace accord had been signed, ordinary Bosnians are still airaid to cross the line between the two entities |the Muslim/Crost Federation and Republika Srpska]."

Mr Major made it clear to the delegates, who included six representatives from Bosnia, that there was a limit to what the international community could do. Economic development would not work properly unless people, goods and capital were able to move freely throughout the country.



# When your baby turns



ir Robert Fellowes has been an army officer, banker and courtier, but probably never fancied his chances as an obstetrician. The Duchess of York, in her book, claims that by the very tone of his voice he managed to convert the position in which her baby Eugenie was lying in her uterus from head first, to bottom first, It is just possible that an

altercation with the Queen's

Private Secretary might have excited the baby and prompted it to turn about, since foetal activity is related to. among other fac-

For those without Sir Robert's commanding presence, persuading a baby late in pregin the womb requires great skill. Before

to coax the baby into the headfirst position by gently pushing at it through the mother's abdominal wall, he or she must be certain that there is enough fluid in the uterus to allow easy movement of the baby, and that the baby is of

the doctor attempts

Naturally, the placenta should be in a suitable position and the mother must have a healthy uterus and a normal blood pressure.

The procedure known as external version, should be undertaken only when ultrasound is available, and where the baby's heart can be monitored electronically. Everything is laid on so that if the attempt at turning the baby results in damage to the placenta, and distress to the baby, it can be delivered

**Dr Thomas** Stuttaford on difficult deliveries, the doctor who was saved by a transplant and dangers in a cup of coffee

In my day as an obstetric houseman, the procedure of external version was not treated with quite so much ceremony as today, when safety standards are higher. Then, as now, about 60 per cent of attempts are successful. It is much easier to achieve external version in the earlier all too often, the baby soon reverts to the position in which it is most comfortable. Sir Robert's achievement of changing the position in the

pregnancy is more It is better difficult. By the 38th week of pregnancy, the time at which the to have a had her tricky in terview with Sir than a Robert, the overwhelming majority damaged of babies are in a position to come infant head-first, and the baby's head is normally well fixed in the moth-

> As the duchess is a large woman, and presumably has a pelvis to match, it may well be that the head had not yet been fixed. Breech presentations are more common in women whose pelvises are very small, who have any pelvic tumour, or who have too little or too much fluid in the uterus. Abnormal presentations are also more likely in those

women in whom the pelvis is larger than usual because then there is so much room that the baby has too much laxity when making itself comfortable. Most babies lie headdown because this is the position, once they start to grow, in which they sit best. As a result of Eugenie's great leap into the breech



The duchess with Eugenie: is it possible that her row with Sir Robert Fellowes made the baby turn a somersault?

position the duchess needed a Caesarean section. This was a wise decision — too vigorous an attempt at version can endanger the child and in any event many doctors feel that all breech babies are better delivered surgically. The advantage and disadvantages of breech delivery, as opposed to Caesarean section, have re-cently been discussed in the British Journal of Hospital

The deathrate of babies delivered by breech is four times that of babies delivered head first. Not all the deaths are as a result of the delivery in many cases it is because the baby was premature and was delivered before it had time to settle into the normal position in the womb, and death would have occurred however the child was delivered. As well as suffering head injuries, other

babies delivered in the breech

neck, and fractures to their collarbones, thighs or arms. The Duchess of York com-

plains that she will carry the scar of her Palace encounter on her abdomen for all time, but better a scar than a damaged baby, and in any case Sir Robert's effortless external version was more likely to be the consequence of the shape of the maternal pelvis than his command

position suffer damage to their of the English language. If the duchess ever wants to have future children without resorting to surgery there is every chance that she will be able to do so. Tim Coltart, consultant obstetrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, published statistics of pregnancies after previous elective Caesarean sections and has found that about 80 per cent of the women have a normal delivery.

# **Treating epilepsy**

their lives. Their families, friends and doctors constantly strive to increase public understanding of the symptoms and point out that in between seizures the majority of sufferers lead

in one third of cases, the seizures, which can be symptomatic of many conditions, spontaneously disappear. Other patients are not so fortunate and, despite modern medicine, continue to have fits.

A recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association on the surgical treatment of refractory epilepsy has been re-viewed by the medical magazine Monitor. A new operation, temporal lobectomy, which isolates part of the brain, has proved useful in the treatment of carefully selected patients. Seventy per cent of those who are considered suitable for this

And the number who have been able to return to fulltime work has doubled. The world's only universitybased academic institute which has been founded to study all aspects of epilepsy is situated in London, at the centre for epitepsy at the Maudsley Hospital and

King's College Hospital. The centre is pioneering the drive to increase public awareness of epilepsy. Many patients are not receiving the help they need.

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AFTER a lapse of 30 to 40 years, new drugs are being introduced to treat epilepsy. Some provide much better control over seizures and

have fewer side-effects. Increased use of MRI scarming has also demonstrated that in some cases of refractory epilepsy, there are which could be removed. dramatically reducing the number of fits.

# Coffee and cholesterol

THE effect of coffee on the health has intrigued doctors for years but recent research from The Netherlands suggests that the obysiological effects of caffeine and other chemicals in coffee depend on the way the coffee has been made The findings, reported in the BMJ, suggest that coffee made in a cafetière, a jug with a metal plunger, affects the liver cells and may account for minor abnormalities in enzyme levels in

apparently healthy people. Cafetiere coffee also raises the low-density lipoprotein cholesterol that can lead to coronary heart disease. The same copy of the BMJ. also reported studies from St George's Hospital, London. which investigated the effect of coffee drinking among smokers. in non-smoking no effect on the baby's birth weight, but in those who both smoke and take coffee the two addictions have a synergistic action. The authors suggest that women give up coffee as well as

# Diagnosing Alzheimer's

THE diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can be made with certainty only after death, but now doctoss in Canada may have found a biochemical test which will distinguish it from other forms of senile

They have been measuring the level of an iron-binding protein, known as P-97, in the blood of patients with Alzheimer's and comparing the result with healthy con-temporaries. Levels of P-97 in patients with Alzheimer's were six times higher than in people who had retained their cognitive function. The changes could be detected two years before a patient started to show signs of dementia. A spokeswoman for Research-into Ageing, a charity which investigates the disease. said: Although this work is only in its early stages, the mitial results are very encouraging. It may well be possible to obtain a more accurate. diagnosis earlier in cases of

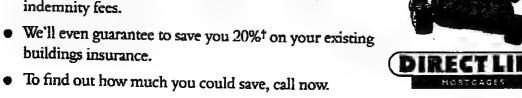
Over the past ten years there has been a tendency to label all cases in which there has been confusion in the elderly as Alzheimer's disease. This has resulted in many patients not having the treatment need-

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# A dose of her own medicine

n a teaching hospital some patients are understandably shy about being the subject of a teaching round. "How would you like it, doctor?" is more than just an occasional question. Professor Julia Polak can tell them. There are few more prestigious teaching sessions than the grand round at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, London, and at one of them Professor Polak was both the.

teacher and patient.
Doctor Celia Oakley, the cardiologist, Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub and Professor Polak taught together on primary pulmonary hypertension and heart and lung transplantation using Professor Polak's case as the example. Professor Polak, who has followed her own treatment with understandable interest, prepared the microscopic slides of her own lungs so that students and colleagues could understand why she nearly.

Pulmonary hypertension is a condition in which the blood pressure in the arteries leading to the lungs is abnormally high. It is easy to take the blood pressure in the peripher-al arteries where a cuff can be put around the arms and the pressure measured on a sphygmomanometer. However, when the pulmonary arteries are involved the condition has to be diagnosed as a result of considering the patient's symptoms.

ulmonary hypertension results in right-sided heart strain, and even tually failure. The condition may be secondary to chronic bronchitis, congenital heart disease, pulmonary fibrosis or late consequence of pulmonary embolism. In many cases the cause is

not known and it is described as primary pulmonary hyper-

Professor Polak had asthma in younger life. About 23 years ago, she took Ponderax, the slimming pill, for approximately three months. Slim-ming pills of this group occasionally cause pulmonary hypertension and it is possible that this weight-losing exercise was the start of her troubles.

Whatever the cause, Professor Polak noticed that she was becoming more easily tired



Fighting fit: Professors Polak, centre, and Yacoub, right, at Harefield Hospital's annual run

nary hypertension, was soon made. This was the diagnosis

and increasingly breathless but assumed that this was a result of ageing.
The gradual downhill

progress in her health started to accelerate until the breathlessness became so severe that she found it difficult to cominue her work. Finally Professor Polak tele-

phoned one of her colleagues and said that she was dying, and doubted whether she would be able to visit the laboratory again. Once the alarm had been raised a diagnosis of right-sided heart

seen her lying on a bed. Her lungs and heart were so badly damaged that Professor failure, secondary to pulmo-

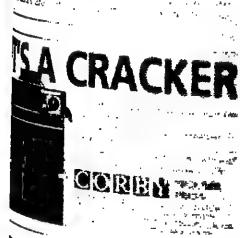
that Professor Polak had suspected. The heart failure was so well developed that when she lay back on her pillows the veins in her neck were engorged up to seven centimetres above the collarbone. Her colleagues explained that they had only ever viewed her across a conference table, or with a patient, and had never

Yacoub and Dr Oakley decided that the only possible

treatment was a heart and lung transplant. A year later Professor Polak is back at work doing 20 hours a day and has raised nearly half a million pounds for the Julia Polak Lung Transplant Re-search Fund.

Professor Polak says she hasn't felt so well for 20 years and can never remember having more energy. She has no side effects from the immunosuppressant drug FK506, known as Prograf Tacrolimus, which she took after she developed adverse symptoms while having Cyclosporin.





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# Message received

The solution to intimacy without risk is an answerphone. Giles Coren discovers

ost of us do not very often have to tell 26-yearold Dominicanborn fitness trainers that we and Hollywood millions and marrying them to somebody else. But if we did, we would almost certainly do it on an answering machine.

When Daniel Day-Lewis chucked Isabelle Adjani, the mother of his child, he did it by fax. When he got married to one Rebecca Miller, he phoned Ms Adjani to tell her, and left a message on the answering machine, which omitted the assumed, reasonably enough, that he was marrying the woman with whom he lived. Deya Pichardo, said Dominican fitness instructor. Her phone call to congratulate Ms Pichardo on her nuptials fell on surprised ears — this being the first she had heard of it. Wobblies were thrown. Fl-

nally. Mr Day-Lewis decided to come clean and admitted everything - that he had got married, and had been thoughtless, and was terribly sorry — to her answering-machine.

These may sound like the typical frolics of a Hollywood love rat. And yet there is one element that makes the players sound rather more like ourselves: the answering machines.

For since their emergence in the late 1970s, when only the occasional technophile had his telephone proudly answered by an automated American accent pre-recorded in Taiwan, we have developed from the days when people apologised for not being in to where everyone has one, and leaves it on whether they are

there or not. · Answering machines have, in fact, replaced conversation. In Britain, we have never liked talking to each other, anyway. And the intimacy without risk that the answer phone offers is irresistible. It is the only way we can bring ourselves to chastise tradesmen, end relationships, call in sick, ask for an overdraft, or apologise.

Once it was the study of a person's letters that could offer a glimpse into the minutiae of their lives, but with the death of writing it is only by listening to a person's answerphone messages that you can get to their soul

To see how such a project might fare I listened in on five answerphones, belonging to randomly selected members of the public, who explained their Renerypted meaning.

Will Laffan, 38, phumber. Greeting: Helio. Will and his. wrench are out on the town,

where the floors are wet and



Daniel Day-Lewis left a message for his lover, Deya Pichardo, right, on their answerphone telling her he had married the actress Rebecca Miller

been phoning them all day, but God knows where she is.

We're supposed to be going to

the theatre - it is always like

this, I phone up my answering

machine from work to try and

find out where my family is, and there are incomprehensi-

message or call me on mobile number.

Message: "Hello, Popeye Pizza here. We're out of pineapple, do you want to change your order?" That's left over from last night. I was in the hear the machine. So they put green pepper on instead; and i hate green pepper. I'll have to they know for next time.

Message "Will? It's Adrian Cheng. That grouting you did on my bath has shrunk, and the gaps have come back, the woman downstairs is shouting at me again. Can you get over tonight?" I've been doing work for this bloke for ages. he's a real grumbler. I'll go round there and find that there's a hairline crack and he'll be surprised when I bill

him for 25 quid. Message: "Willi, we really ought to talk. It's about last night. I know you think I overreacted, but you have to admit you were horrible. I

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the water's brown. Leave a don't have to move in tomorrow. I just think ... I just think that it's something we have to deal with. Oh, I can't put it all on the answerphone, just phone me when you get in." That was my girlfriend. It's obvious what that was about. isn't it? I'm glad I've got the machine. I couldn't have

> Matt Sinclair, 20, Student in Oxford, sharing house with Christian, Mark, and Jules. Greeting: Hello, I'm afraid the

coped with that one. -

answernhone isn't in right now. This is the toaster speaking, leave a message after the tone

'Hello, it's and I'll do my best to remember it. Message: Jules? Ju-ules: Are you awake? Get up. Popeye Pizza here. (Pause) Get up, get up, get up. I guess We're you're asleep. I'll try later." Apart from the sitting out of

room, Jules's room pineapple' is the only one with a phone, so earlymorning messages are directed at him. This is

from his girlfriend, Mia. "Hello boys. What are you doing later? Could just stay in and go to the Fir Tree, Nicola might be along, too. Give us a ring." Only good news on the machine. This is Jessica who lives in a house round the corner with a girl called Tanuny. Nicola is only 17 and as a result thinks I am very clever and may sleep with me. I say this knowing that she never reads the papers, so I should be okay. Message: "Yo. Jonny here. I'm

in the car. Laters." Friend from school who drives around in his car phoning

Message: "Ho, ho, ho. Very funny. It's mum here. I've got the cream from Dr Roland. always indiscreet. No idea what the cream is for, I can't see that Jules is ever awake long enough to get ill.

Leslie Burke, 51, civil engineer, wife called Jill. Two sons aged 7 and 16. Daughters aged 19 and 21.

Greeting: I am afraid this is the answering mach-ine, please leave a message after the long tone, and one back as soon as we

Message: "Mrs Burke? It's Gracia here. I cannot come tonight, I have a cold. Hope That's the babysitter. She's a nice girl but she

always cancels on the day. Message: "Hi, Mum. I got your message. But I'm working late, I couldn't make it before nine. Call if that's any use." Thar's our eldest, Mo. She lives about a mile away and sometimes helps out.

Message: "I hope you get this in time. It's me. Babysitting won't be a problem as long as Mo gets here by nine. I have to be away by nine-thirty. Okay. bye." My other daughter, Joannah. My wife must have

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# The peril facing Africa's wildlife

aim as the black thino stumbled into the clearing and then emptied the ammunition clip from his AK47 into the animal. From 30ft he could hardly miss his prey, which was intent only in steering her

As the rhino buckled, two more poachers threw ropes around her back legs and the sound of a chainsaw coughing into life drowned the sound of the animal's death throes. Within minutes the poachers had slaughtered a beast far heavier and longer than their Land Rover to steal 18in of horn. The poachers then turned their attention to the calf, using the chain saw again to slice off crudely its pathetic horn.

Sue Fisher, head of conservation at the charity Tusk Force, says: "Rhino horn is so valuable that the poachers slice away the face so they can get every fraction. Ounce for ounce, rhino horn is worth more on the black market of some Far East countries than cocaine or gold."

At the end of the Eighties, investigators reported that thino horn was fetching £40 a kg. Prices are said to have risen steadily since.

ble demand in the Far East for powdered horn, which is erroneously believed to be an aphrodisiae, and for use in traditional medicine.

Ms Fisher says: "Rhino horn can, in substantial doses. reduce fever but then so can taking an aspirin. Other claims to its efficacy remain unproven. We are seeing en-tire species hunted to the brink of extinction because of superstition and greed and there is not much time left if we are to save them."

The rhino population has een reduced to fewer than 11,000 since the turn of the century when more than 100,000 existed. The elephant has suffered as parlous a loss. Half the elephant population of 1.2 million was killed between 1970 and 1989 to serve the ivory market, and although this trade has been outlawed, in countries where iaw enforcement is weakest there remain organised gangs

Maurice Stein. Retired prop-erty developer and wife, Bel-la. Both in late 60s.

Greeting: Hello. This is the

home of Maurice and Bella

Stein. Please speak clearly after the music. No messages. My son bought it for us, but

Cellphones

of poachers.
The decimation of the ele-

and helped to establish teams of armed rangers to combat costly frontline war in the African bush. Since the banning of the international ivory trade in 1989 and the increase in public awareness, demand for ivory has lessened, prices have plummeted and elephant populations have mabilised

The threat of gun battles does deter poachers but Tusk Force recognises that to stop the trade there is an urgent requirement to address consumers and change attitudes. lan Redmond, a biologist

and Tusk Force's conservation adviser, notes: "The elephant and the rhino play an



Elephants are still in danger important role in the ecology of their habitats. Those habi-

earmarked to educating schoolchildren here and abroad so that these creatures and their habitats will have thechance to exist in more than just their picture books.

Above all, Tusk Force wants to take its message of survival to the communities whose demand for rhino horns, tiger bones, hear paws and ivory tusks keeps the unscrupulous in business.

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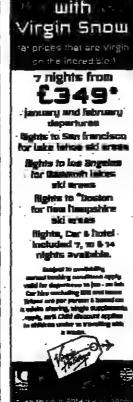
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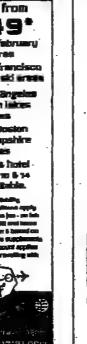
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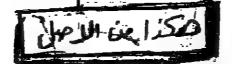
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Robert Schuettinger offers a rosier

vision of our island story than Sir

Roy Denman's scenario last week

A briefing note for the re-elected American President Jack Kemp in 2004.

r President: you asked me for a memorandum on the European Union and the United Kingdom before your meeting with Prime Minister Michael Portillo next month.

As you know, the ill-fated European monetary union went ahead (against the advice of many of Europe's wellwishers, including yourself) in 1999 while Al Gore was still President. Only five nations qualified for membership even after the criteria were fudged so as to be almost meaningless. Britain stuck to its negoti-

ated opt-out.
Portillo's hand was
strengthened by the British
referendum of 1996 which decisively rejected a single currency and a federal Europe. The remaining nations also refused to join the EMU — wisely, as it turned

Only a few months after the first (and last) wave estab-lished the EMU, the weakening French economy forced the new European Central Bank in Frankfurt to raise interest rates sharply across the EMU member states. Unemployment rose to 19 per cent in France, 16 per cent in the Benelux nations and 13 per cent in Germany. The ensuing strikes and armed conflicts (Corsica declared its independence) led to a bloodless military coup in France which was seen as the only alternative to anarchy.

A fairly sensible general proclaimed the Sixth Republic (with the support of the trade unions), and has been ruling by decree for four years. The new French Government. however, withdrew from the EMU, the European Union, Nato and the United Nations. France's permanent seat on the Security Council was given to the European Union: their ambassador abstains on most issues, since the EU has never been able to agree on a common foreign policy.

The costs of the EMU, provided to both the old German Democratic Republic and the economically declining members of the EU, proved too much for the recently united Germany. Ironically enough, the EU has long encouraged "regionalism" as a way of weakening the sovereign states of Europe. The larger Lander of Germany and the regions of Italy moved to assert themselves as the only way (as they saw it) to survive. Italy peacefully divided into three nations (which were admitted to the EU) in 2000 and most observers believe a similar reversion to mid-19th century conditions

will soon occur in Germany. Needless to say, any concerms about German "domination" of Europe (whether wellfounded or not) are now redundant. However, the resulting disunity at the heart of Europe creates new dangers akin to the many problems after the break-up of the Soviet Union of Yugoslavia and of

the Warsaw Pact. The obvious unworkability of a federal union only pushed the remaining Europhiles into

overdrive. The Treaty of Aachen in 2001 created an Executive President with powers similar to those of the President of the French Fifth Republic. The European Parliament, representing the re-maining member nations, elected as President a former agriculture minister of Luxembourg, and as Vice-President

Kenneth Clarke, a citizen of a

non-member nation.

Naturally, the competitive-ness of the transformed European Union sank to new lows. Average unemployment in the remaining member states rose to the 30 per cent mark. Britain had been receiving 40 per cent of all inward invest-ment in the old EU. In 2000, when Portillo, supported by a majority of the major parties took Britain out of the EU entirely, inward investment rose to a 70 per cent share of the old EU. As a diplomatic goodwill gesture towards its former "partners", the UK remained a member of Efta.

Britain's enterprise culture (many fewer regulations and more flexible labour markets) and the English language (important to North American and Asian investors) were major factors in this economic boom; the overriding reason. however, was that Britain, since 2000, has been the only stable and reliable nation in Europe. This year Britain has the highest average wages and income per capita in all of Europe: in the past four years the UK economy has created almost as many jobs, propor-tionally, as the United States.

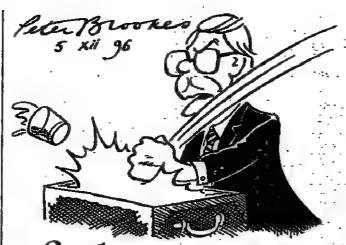
Norway never joined the EU and has long been prosperous. After Britain left, Sweden. Denmark, Finland and Austria quickly followed. In 2001 Portillo negotiated Britain's entry into the North American Free Trade Association (now the North Atlantic Free Trade Association). Portillo then successfully pressed for the admission of the four Scandinavian nations.

n 2002 Portillo and his Foreign Minister, Mal-colm Rifkind, visited Peking just after the Chinese Revolution established the first democratic Government in Chinese history. Portilio and Rifkind, in round-theclock meetings with representatives of the Asian "tigers" and Japan, created the Asian Free Trade Area, with Britain as the only European member. Britain's standing in world affairs has never been higher. It seems undeniable that it is the most stable and reliable of all our major allies on all

very seriously what the PM will say. His main objective is to work out a Portillo plan whereby both major trading blocs (and perhaps Russia) will work to prevent the collapse of the present EU. It is clearly in all our interests to see a stable and prosperous Europe. We shall have to work out with the British some strict conditions. They will be help-North America, Asia and the struggling EU.

I believe you should take

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# Why Scott had to go

have known Nicholas Scott for some 35 years. I first met him about the time of my marriage. My father-in-law was the May-or of St Pancras in 1962; we held the reception in the splendid St Pancras Town Hall, with its flight of marble stairs and old associations with George Bernard Shaw. Nick came because he had become a friend of my wife's family as a fellow member of the old Holborn and St Pancras Council.

The following year he was a successful national chairman of the Young Conservatives. Both he and I were supporters of Rab Butler in the 1963 leadership contest. I think he found my rejection of the Alec Douglas-Home leadership too vehement for his taste. He always had a feeling for party unity, as he does

Undoubtedly Nick has had bad luck, in politics and life, only a part of that has been in any way his fault. His star was in the ascendant in 1970 when he was appointed parliamentary private secretary to Iain Macleod, a powerful figure who planned to be a reforming Chancellor. Within a few veeks lain nad died. Later Ted Heath brought Nick into his Government. Within a few weeks Heath was no longer Prime Minister.

A year later there was a new leader. Margaret Thatcher, who saw Nick Scott as on the wrong wing of her party. She found him a useful and resilient minister, particularly in Northern Ireland, but kept him firmly out of the Cabinet. Her II years in office eclipsed the prospects of his career. Nevertheless, Nick Scott did have the potential to be a major politician - Time magazine was right about that. He has been a wellliked man in public life. He has the gift of political warmth, rather like the good Irish politicians of the United States. He was an influential figure among his contemporaries, an influence symbolised by the choice of Nick's Diner as the name for the club

which brought together the younger Tory MPs of the Centre Left. Nick was always himself a loyalist, loyal to Rab Butler, loyal to lain Macleod, who were the two men in politics he most admired, but also loyal to his party leaders, Alec Douglas-Home, Ted Heath, the un-sympathetic Margaret Thatcher and the much more sympathetic John Major. With some difference of circumstances, he could easily have had a much more successful career;

Kensington and Chelsea Tories did not reject a lightweight, but a defender of Rab Butler's liberal Conservatism

for instance, if Iain Macleod had lived, Nick might well have been in a Macleod Cabinet in the 1970s, and might have ended his career as a Willie Whitelaw figure, genial, sup-portive, shrewd, close to the sources of power, perhaps a liberal Home Secretary. If Heath had won in 1974, and he nearly did, Nick's career would also have prospered.

At any rate, I have always liked him, though our political views have drifted quite far apart. Nick was never convinced by the monetarist revolution of the 1970s, by the Thatcherite revolution, nor by the opposition to Maastricht. I found my-

self convinced by all three; indeed I was against Maastricht well before the treawas signed. The significance of Nick's rejection by his constituency can

only be understood if one recognises that he is a significant political figure, and could have been a greater force in the Conservative Party than he ever actually was. Kensington and Chelsea have not rejected a light-weight, as the closeness of all the votes has shown. Nick has still had his fans, and justifiably so.

Part of the constituency argument was about the personal issues which lay on the surface. I am surprised that anyone can spend 30 years in the House of Commons, let alone a few vears in Northern Ireland, without acquiring some tendency to fall over from time to time. It is, in the risk of taking excessive refreshment, a most terrible place. If one listens to the debates, one is soon driven out again by the combrous sophistries of second-rate minds. The bars are always open: there are endless hours of waiting, gossiping obsessively about who may be the next Prime Minister, and exchanging rounds of drinks. The parliamentary life is as conducive to excessive liquor as that of a barman on a cruise liner.

There was also the delicate problem of reconciling Kensington with Cheisea after the constituencies

merged: In my mother's youth, in the krish American world of the 1890s, the great division came between the lace curtain and the saloon bar Irish; my mother's family were distinctly lace curtain, and disapproved of the capers of the saloon keepers. In the same way Kensington is lace curtain and Chelsea is distinctly saloon bar,

"with a twinkle in me eye": Once, long before Nick Scott's time, I was shortlisted for the Conservative nomination for Chelsea and went down to see them. They then seemed to me to be charming afternoon people, the sort one might expect to drink brandy and

soda on a trip to the Derby in a vintage Rolls-Royce. Kensington is much One once wrote that I was the only perble-breasted pyja-mas; they wear black tie with their

pyjamas in Kensington. I doubt whether Nick was ever the ideal person to mediate the culture clash of the boroughs.

Yet the real point of division was not the Kensington/Chelsea divide, but a much more important difference inside the Conservative Party. Nick Scott's Conservatism was ne when I first met him, but is now old. His is the moderate, liberal, consensus Conservatism of the 1960s; it is like that of Kenneth Clarke, it is a rather gentler version of the politics of Michael Heseltine, Nick is Europeanist in the style of the early 1970s, though he has always been far more of a party loyalist than Ted Heath has been for 20 years, I can well understand Nick's politics since I shared many of these attitudes in the 1960s, and I still find attractive the

humanity which inspires his group. The difference lies between those Conservatives who internalised the experience of the Thatcher years and those who have ultimately rejected it, either on pro-European grounds like Geoffrey Howe, or on more general grounds like Nick Scott. Monday night's vote rejected the liberal Con-

servatism of the 1960s in favour of the post-Thatcherite Conservatism

which is emerging in the 1990s.

It is too early to be sure what the full character of that is going to be, but it will certainly address such issues as the size of the State, the level of taxation, the organisation of welfare and national independence, is sues on which the Conservatism of the 1960s has little to say. Iain Macleod would certainly have faced these issues because he was, in fact, more of a radical than a liberal, but they did not arise in their present form in his time.

The Kensington and Chelsea con-stituents to whom I have spoken were all more concerned about issues of policy than about personal conduct, which many of them would have overlooked if they had agreed with Nick Scott's politics. There is always a great deal of tolerance for a man of friendly, easygoing nature. We know he would forgive us, so we tend to

forgive him.
The rumour that Chris Patten might take over the seat in a byelection if the Conservatives lost at the general election was also damag-Patten. That is not the sort of manoeuvre constituencies like. In Britain Patten is still seen as the leftof-centre Conservative he used to be, though his Hong Kong speeches show that experience has changed him. Kensington and Chelsea would, I think, never have accepted the arrangement; I am not even sure that it was ever contemplated.

The real parallel to the rejection of Nick Scott is the isolation of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. They have managed to bully John Major into endorsing their line on the euro: the Conservatives will now go into the election refusing to say whether they intend to join a single currency or not. This is not what Major wants, nor what the Cabinet wants, nor at all what the candidates want.

The damage to their election prospects must be very great. Nick Scott-has lost his seat because he no longer represents what Conservatives think He has not changed his views as events have changed. Yet Kenneth Clarke is equally anachronistic and far more dangerous. The Conservative Party has rejected Nick Scott in Kensington and Chelsea, and would be equally happy to reject Kenneth Clarke in Westminster.

# Plagues and public confidence .

Scots health officers

failed to stop a food

poisoning panic, says Magnus Linklater

Somuel Pepys decided he had better not wear his new periwig to go with his coloured silk suit because he had bought it in Westminster, where the disease was now rife. He even wondered whether the plague would put an end to the fashion for powdered wigs, because everyone was convinced that infected human hair was being used to make them.

There is a whiff of that kind of panic reaction since the outbreak of B. coli poisoning in Scotland and of meningitis in Wales. The immediate instinct of some students at Cardiff was to quit the campus, putting as much distance as possible between them and the seat of the infection. The inevitable result was to spread the fear. In Scotland, things are worse. A series of shambolic deci-

health boards has meant that uncer-tainty has bred faster than the bacterium itself. Of course, a sense of proportion is important: the Plague of London killed 60,000 people in the city out of a population of 450,000. So far seven people have died in Scotland; two in Wales. But the fronty is that while we lonow more about bacteria than the 17th century ever dreamt of, we are still caught unawares when they decide to strike. One reason is the insidious way in which new strains infiltrate our best defences.

sions, or non-decisions, by local

Meningitis group C has to be treated swiftly, yet is difficult to diagnose: E. coll. 1057 has, over the past decade, mutated into a virulent form which breeds faster than its more harmless relatives. Professor Hugh Pennington, who is heading the inquiry into the E. coli outbreak in Lanaricshire, admitted on Radio Scotland that no one quite knew why. But it is not ignorance which has allowed the infection to spread, it is a failure of the system set up to combat it. We pay around £200 million a year

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for a variety of institutions and services aimed at making food safe we have high-powered central monitoring systems like the Centre for Infection and Environmental Health in Scotland or the Public Health Laboratory Services in England, which employs 3,000 people including scientists, microbiologists and epidemiologists. But at the grass roots, where it counts, there is a all tog often a lack of management skills and organisation.

There is one school of thought which says that we are all overmany affected, was the argument put last week by the writer A.N. Wilson, who said that only "a handful" of Scots had died, and complained that James Naughtie on the Today programme spoke as if it was a matter of national interest that a few of his fellow-countrymen had the runs".

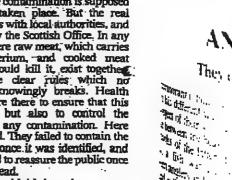
Not surprisingly, that crass re-mark caused great offence. It also ignored the serious implications of what has happened. The fami fiveday delay in revealing to the public the names of outlets to which communicated meat had been sent has yet to be properly explained; now it emerges that the butcher at the centre of the scare was allowed to carry on supplying cooked meats to customers after his premises had been identified as the source of contaminated food.

Police have been called in, not just to see whether criminal proceedings are needed, but because they alone have access to the Home Office computer system which is needed to follow up the whereabouts of newly identified patients, explore their exting habits, and find out with whom they have been in contact. -

ost suspicion has fallen inevitably on the butcher, John Barr of Wishaw, where the contamination is supposed to have taken place. But the real failure lies with local authorities, and ultimately the Scottish Office. In any place where raw meat, which carries the bacterium, and cooked meat which should kill it exist together there are clear rules which no butcher knowingly breaks. Health officers are there to ensure that this happens, but also to control the effects of any contamination. Here they failed They failed to contain the outbreak once it was identified, and they failed to reassure the public once it had spread.

Why should this be so in a country which once led Europe in standards of public health? The answer is that, despite all the reassurances offered by the Scottish Office, public health has dropped down the list of spending priorities. That celebrated figure. the Medical Officer of Health, who inspired such awe in countless episodes of Dr Finlay's Casebook, no

. Instead; we have a system of environmental health officers and consultants, operating with small



longer exists.

staffs, inadequate back-up, and an absence of managerial skills. They have no clear status, mandate or hierarchy, in those circumstances the present outbreak was a disaster waiting to happen.

Mr Barr, whose business has now

been destroyed, may prove to be as much a victim of the system as those who have been stricken. We must wait to see where the inquiry points P·H·S the finger of blame. I think I know the answer. the finger of blame. I think I already

# Tight spot

AN ANSWER at last to the eternal question of what judges wear under their robes: ladies' stock-most judges feel that is the only ings. The news comes from one of the highest-ranking judges in Brit-ain. Mr Justice Hooper, of the Queen's Bench Division of the

In a documentary, The Verdict, to be broadcast on BBC2 next week, Mr Justice Hooper talks of the problems of tights: "When I was first appointed as a silk and



way because people don't make silk stockings any longer." He then hit upon "thigh highs", stockings with an elasticated top around the thigh to help them to stay up. "I do prefer those to tights, which I find very uncomfortable Whether it's my anatomy or the male anatomy I leave for others to decide, but tights seem to sort of

gradually slip down. Judge's clerk Tim Nute confirms the judicial penchant for stockings rather than tights: "The judges have found that these were less restrictive," he explains, adding that he shops at Debenhams' ladies departments on behalf of his bosses. Ede & Ravenscroft, supplier of legal robes, takes a dim view of stockings: "We sell heavy black nylon tights, the kind generally worn by ballet dancers. They cover a multitude of sins," a spokesman

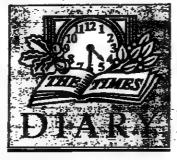
For guidance, I turned to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, firmly in the stocking camp: "I used to wear two pairs of stockings on each leg," he says. "A cotton pair underneath and a silk pair on top.

The cotton pair stops a man's hairs from showing through."

 Yet more indignity is to befall the Royal Family at the hands of dauber André Durand, whose most recent contribution to fine art was a picture of Diana. Princess of Wales, dressed as a clown in a pizza parlour. His energies are now devoted to The First Kill, Prince William's fatal encounter with a Highland stag. "An extraordinary feat for one so young," Durand whines. "I was moved to record it for posterity."



"Any chance of getting at



The Prince will be dressed in flowing red robes, his face smeared in the stag's spent blood and Balmoral Castle will nestle sweetly in the snow-capped peaks behind.

Cashing in

MICHAEL HESELTINE faces a revolt on Europe in his Henley constituency. Businessmen affiliated to the local Conservative Association recently invited Bill Cash, pinstriped Euro-basher and MP for Stafford, to give a talk on Maastricht etc. Cash was cheered to the

"They showed enthusiastic approval," concedes the pinstripe modestly. "I've spoken to four constituencies so far, none of them wildly Euro-sceptic and only one person out of six hundred has so

Henley association, the news was greeted with astonishment. "It's the first we've heard of this," panicked an official, loyal to our manic-haired hero. Hairy scary

THE SECRET of President

Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire's hairdressing habits are laid bare. The ailing leader has been flying in his stylist from New York every fort-night for a trim at his palace in the South of France, Perhaps only Bill Clinton, who once closed down Los Angeles airport for an emergency blow-dry on Air Force One while the plane remained on the runway. takes presidential hair so

seriously.

Mobutu's concern for his coiffeur is not merely a question of vanity, however. National security is at stake - Mobulu's courtiers fear that a Zairean barber would use the clippings for muti, or African witch-doctory.

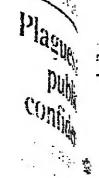
Going solo

MOVING problems are making life uncomfortable for George Stephanopoulos, senior adviser to President Clinton, who is leaving for a political teaching post at Cofar disagreed with me." Back at the humbia. University. The high-rise ...



prices of Manhattan are beyond his reach. Gorgeous George, the diminutive but highly eligible for-mer Rhodes scholar who complained recently in Vanity Fair of being in debt, is struggling to sell his expensive apartment near Washington's Dupont Circle

The duplex, at the centre of con-troversy over his personal funds, is: on the market with no takers for a handsome \$1.2 million (about) E750,000). To add to his woes, Wendy Smith, his White House girlfriend, has apparently aban-doned plans of joining him in New



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# **TEST OF TIME**

A return to rigorous examinations is demonstrably overdue

Traditionalists have long suspected that the Milton or even Shakespeare in favour of main reason for the rising pass rates in GSCE and A level is one that no parent, and no responsible teacher, should support the examinations have simply been getting easier. Teachers have responded with indignation at this supposed slur on their profession. In Standards over Time, the report published today by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the Government hoped to come up with evidence that would settle the argument one way or the other. But one of the most disturbing findings is that no accurate comparison is possible between results achieved and standards required 20 years ago, and those that obtain today.

This is not just because examination boards have not kept systematic records of examination answers and marking systems, to set alongside question papers. It is because the papers themselves, and the syllabuses followed by students, are as: apples to oranges.

The inquiry looked at syllabuses, the papers set and - where these had not been thrown away by the boards - examination scripts in three core subjects, English, maths and chemistry. Only in maths were they able to show that standards in pure maths have declined, along with skills in such core disciplines as algebra and problem-solving; but that is mainly because the maths syllabus has remained relatively constant. Even over maths, dispute continues, with liberal teachers arguing that students are covering a wider field. Gillian Shephard will retort that this is no excuse for falling short in basic pencil-and-paper numeracy - lost to the calculator — or the mental discipline that algebra in particular imparts. She is right, and action must follow.

In English, two findings stand out the loss of language skills; and the way in which

modern literature. Leaving aside the cultural loss, command of language and vocabulary have suffered correspondingly. In this context, the lack of evidence that it is markedly easier to achieve an A grade in English GSCE than it was 20 years ago is doubly disturbing. It implies that today's students must struggle equally hard to make the grade in less demanding tests.

The merging of language and literature at GSCE level is clearly shown by the report's findings as a mistake to be reversed. Some students may, as some teachers argue, have become readier literary critics; all have lost out, in terms of mastery of such basics of linguistic proficiency as spelling and punctuation, through the stress on understanding

rather than the boring grind of grammar.

The Government has been brave to press ahead with an inquiry from which it stands to gain little political profit. Creditably, Mrs Shephard is now prepared to ignore protests that comparison is invidious and odious, and draw some obvious policy conclusions. There must be a return to rigorous testing which means far less use of calculators, "open book" tests and cribsheets - in basic grammar and work with numbers. There should also be a sharp reduction in the number of examination courses in order to achieve standards that are not only higher but more transparent; it is absurd, and a clear temptation to look for the soft option that will flatter league tables; that at present, schools can shop around among 45 competing maths courses.

In subject after subject, British universities are finding that students need American-style "foundation year" coaching to reach the levels required for first-year courses. In office after office, employers complain of lacks of basic skills. Understanding and creativity are delightful ornaments; but they must be built on memory literature syllabuses have drifted away from — a skill most easily learned young — and the traditional canon based on Chaucer, on respect for facts and mental discipline.

# **BOHEMIAN GHOSTS**

It is time to draw a line under the Sudetenland shame

For some 60 years, much blood and ink has been spilt over the Sudetenland. The ghost of Munich still stalks Mitteleuropa, and this bloodstained Bohemian-German border area most of all. At a meeting at Lisbon this week, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Czech Prime Minister, Vaclay Klaus, agreed the broad outlines of a declaration which is intended to draw a line under the Nazi annexations and the Czech expulsions. Officials have been wrangling for two years, but the German Chancellor recently demanded a deal by Christmas. It looks as if Herr Kohl will get his wish.

The prewar Sudetenlanders were largely German-speaking, and most resisted assimilation into Czechoslovakia after the break-up of the Habsburg empire. Their desire to be reunited with the German Reich provided Adolf Hitler with a pretext to undermine a well-armed neighbour, then the only democracy in Central Europe, while testing British and French resistance to his Expansionary demands. At Munich Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier agreed to give Germany the Sudetenland, so depriving the Czechs of the means to defend their frontier. Hitler was hailed by the vast majority of Sudeten Germans. In March 1939 Hitler annexed Bohemia and Moravia, set up a puppet regime in Slovakia and

ceded Ruthenia to his Hungarian allies. Czechoslovakia had been extinguished as a nation state. One of the first Nazi atrocities to receive worldwide publicity was the destruction of Lidice and its male inhabitants in 1942 as a reprisal for the assassination of Heydrich, ruler of Bohemia

and architect of the Final Solution. When the German armies were finally driven out in 1945, and the Second Czechoslovak Republic established under Benes, hostility towards the Sudeten Germans seen as a Nazi fifth column - was understandable. It boiled over when up to three million of them were expelled in conditions of great brutality during the winter of 1945-46. All lost their property and many their lives. Ever since, the Sudeten Germans have formed a powerful revisionist lobby in Bonn, where their interests are championed by the Bavarian Christian Social Union, under the late Franz Josef Strauss and now Herr Kohl's Finance Minister, Theo Walgel. After the Communist coup in 1948. Prague pretended the Sudeten Germans had not existed for four decades: Bonn was equally deaf to Czech claims. Only after the Velvet Revolution in 1989 could the new President, Vaclay Havel. in a noble gesture, offer his regrets to the dispossessed Sudeten Germans. That began to melt the ice, but the Klaus Government has had to tread the path of reconciliation carefully, all the more so since losing its majority earlier this year.

Nobody comes well out of this tale of betrayal, conquest, ethnic cleansing and denial. After a thousand years of mostly mutual respect, Germans and Czechs did terrible things to one another in the Thirties and Forties; neither nation has yet fully acknowledged its guilt. The new German-Czech declaration, whose terms are still secret, will not resolve the vexed questions of war crimes and property rights. But Prague is eager to join the EU and needs Bonn's support; for his part, Herr Kohl seems keen to hance this ancient boil. The peoples of Europe should respond: it is high time.

# **ANGLING ENEMIES**

They don't shoot fellow fishers, do they?

The cormorant is famous for its love of fish. So, in his different ways, is the fisherman. The object of their loves has only the scaly choice between the beak of the former and the hooks of the latter. But, as we report today, a fish war has now broken out between anglers and cormorants. An underground culling campaign has begun, with anglers in combat carnouflage shooting cormorants stealthily and illegally by night.

The provisional wing of the angling army has might if not right on its side. The latest Economist statistics report that 4 per cent of the adult population of Britain claim to go fishing in one form or another at least once a quarter. Even allowing for the extravagance of fishermen's claims, angling is the country's biggest participant sport. About four million fishermen of all sorts take part in activities that cost £1 billion and employ 80,000.

The cormorant too, however, is a wonder of nature. It is descended from high up the evolutionary family tree and is the most perfectly adapted predator for operating in the elements of air, water and land. The Japanese even use it as a surrogate fisherman with a ring around its neck to force it to disgorge its catch. Cormorants have been caught in traps in the Lake District more than 120 ft beneath the surface. But the cause of war is the cormorant's voracity. Its daily intake of fish averages 14-25 oz, equivalent to 15 per cent of its body weight. It catches fish that are not normally eaten for

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choice by human beings - but then, so do the anglers. Angling organisations allege that cormorants devour fish worth £1 million a year and that their clubs face ruin.

So they want cormorants taken off the protected list and classed as vermin through emendation of the 1981 Wildlife and Fisheries Act and several EU directives. This month's angling press carries such head-lines as "Wipe out the Black Plague", and the president of the National Federation of Anglers is quoted as saying that "the shortterm answer to the problem is to shoot the bloody things". Anglers at the Fritton Lake park in Norfolk employ a certain Margaret Thatcher (an American bald eagle with a 7ft wingspan) to scare off the cormorants.

Although anglers are at pains to distance themselves from other field sports, angling is no longer a contemplative waterside activity. Its big business has brought in greed and crime, smugglers and poachers who use cyanide and hand-grenades. Fishing is a true survival of man's activity as huntergatherer. But the cormorants have been at the game longer and are better adapted to it.

So anglers must learn to live and let live with the cormorants, as they do with such less efficient fishers as herons and kingfishers. Otherwise they will excite the attention not just of the Antis who oppose blood sports. They will also sound the alarm to the nation's bird-lovers, who autnumber even anglers and are even more dedicated.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Straight talking on future of EU

From Mr R. J. Whitnell

Sir, With its lack of suitable plans for alternatives, should not the policy of "wait and see" be described rather as "wait till it's too late"?

Yours truly, R. J. WHITNELL 13 East Street, Manea, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr John Davis

Sir, Mr A. D. Gatling (letter, November 25) complains that we have been decrived for 25 years about the nature of the EEC/EU.

But who deceived Mr Gatling and those like him? Not the Europeans, who have never concealed the essentially federal nature of the union and its aspirations for ever closer integration. It has been our own political leaders. Some knew and were very economical with the truth. Some never bothered to find out.

I am at a loss to understand why Euro-sceptics outside Parliament are so keen to restore unfettered freedom of action to these snake-oil salesmen.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DAVIS. 54 Woodlands Road, Bookham, Surrey.

From Mr John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip, Northwood (Conservative)

Sir, You have done your readers a signal service in reprinting today much of Sir Roy Denman's suggested brief-ing note on Britain and Europe for a newly-elected President of the US in 2004. It demonstrates that those who have been campaigning against the process of "ever closer union" as set out in the Maastricht treaty are not tilting at windmills.

What is so depressing is not so much that a former high official of the European Union, who was at the heart of its policy and representation to the outside world in the 1980s, should be so candid about the federal destiny of the organisation for which he used to work. Rather the causes for concern are Sir Roy's defeatism about the prospects for the United Kingdom and his assumption that exclusionfrom the European Union would relegate Britain to second-class status in

Britain's aim has always been to secure a coalition of interests to counterbalance a preponderant central tries can be economically successful without being politically absorbed into their continental hinterland. Chile, Taiwan and Singapore are good examples. In the case of Singapore it was leaving the Malaysian Federation which proved the spur to its speciacular and enviable economic

Yours faithfully, JOHN WILKINSON, House of Commons. November 29.

From Mr.J. B. da Silva Sir, "Britain in 2004: out on a limb?" sounds rather like Switzerland. Would that be so dire?

Yours truly, JOHN da SILVA. Copse Close, Virginia Water, Surrey. November 29.

From Lord Monson

Sir, In his vigorous clarion call for Britain to leave the EU (article, November 26) my cross-bench colleague Lord Wyatt of Weeford makes one small, if common, error: asserting that "We are obliged to shore up poor countries such as Greece, Portugal and Spain."

Yes, we are obliged by EU rules to help shore up these three countries, plus the Irish Republic. But no, they are not "poor" by world or even European (in the correct sense) standards. The worthy goal of friendship and free trade with our neighbours should not involve British taxpayers having to subsidise countries in the top quartile of the global prosperity league.

Yours faithfully, MONSON,

House of Lords.

# Ban on handguns

From Mr Laurie Hinds

Sir, I was proud to join the several thousands of fellow sportsmen in Hyde Park on Sunday (News in brief, December 2) rallying for the preservation of handgun target shooting. Proud also to see Ms Carol Page, our competitor in handgun shooting at the Atlanta Olympic Games, take centre stage on the platform.

But I was sad that irrational, emotional and ill-informed bjas has resulted in proposals to ban most handguns and destroy a sport in which this country can be justly proud of its achievements. Sad, too, that the wheelchair-bound shooters who joined the rally will no longer have a sport in which they compete on an equal basis with the rest of us; sad that the compensation in excess of £100 million which will be paid to gun owners will not apply to the many businesses which will collapse; and even sadder that such funding will not be put to more constructive use in our society.

Yours faithfully. LAURIE HINDS. 4 Mayfair Gardens, Woodford Green, Essex. December 2.

# Search for Aids vaccine a 'priority'

From the Director of the National Aids Trust

Sir. Your leading article in support of World Aids Day (December 2) is most welcome, and most of its points are very weil made.

However, there is one claim that hears closer examination. When you assert that "The overriding priority of Western governments is the search for a vaccine", it must be said that there is little evidence to support this, although there have recently been asser-tions by President Clinton and his Health Secretary, Donna Shalala. that vaccine research should indeed

be of the highest priority. As a matter of record, only a small fraction of public research funds in the United States have been allocated directly to vaccine work, yet even that outweighs the combined efforts of the rest of the world.

When private and commercial investments are taken into account, the nicture is even warse. The market for vaccines is perceived to be in countries that cannot afford to pay for them. and is assessed as being smaller than that for just one comparatively minor

Although a number of promising approaches exist - and some have been identified by British researchers, funded by our own Medical Research Council - they appear to be languishing for lack of private investors prepared to join in partnerships with a view to bringing them to market.

Furthermore, as emphasised by the International Aids Vaccine Initiative launched earlier this year in Vancouver, there has been an over-concentration of the little vaccine research that has been done on the one rather peculiar subtype of HIV that is commonest in Europe and North America, at the expense of the other subtypes which affect the majority of people with HIV worldwide.

No one would argue that vaccine research should be pursued at the expense of all other approaches. There is

much to be achieved in HIV and Aids prevention globally by improving treatment for other sexually transmitted diseases and for tuberculosis. through condom provision, screening of blood transfusions and education programmes. Similarly, research on treatments has a long way to go before there will be genuinely practicable and allordable options for the major-

ity of people with HIV. However, it is an increasingly widespread expert view that current efforts towards HIV vaccine research are grossly inadequate, and that vaccines should be accorded a much higher priority.

The British Government's record in this area has been better than many, and it may be time to review how as a society we could make an even stronger contribution to the long-term goal of eradicating HIV and Aids.

Yours sincerely DEREK BODELL Director. National Aids Trust. New City Cloisters, 188-196 Old Street, EC1. December 2.

From the Chief Executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust

Sir, I welcome your leading article "Day of Aids". You rightly point out that panic and paranoia often shape the response to this virus and recognise the continued importance of Aids education programmes and safer-sex campaigns, however difficult and at times controversial these are to run.

World Aids Day is also an appropriate time to reinforce the importance of the ultimate goal of finding a vaccine and to ask why this research is being starved of funds.

Yours sincerely. NICK PARTRIDGE, Chief Executive, The Terrence Higgins Trust, 52-54 Gray's Inn Road, WCl. December 2

## Children and TV

From Mr Ian Curteis

Sir, Mr Paul Berry is right (letter. November 22). The 9pm television watershed has become a useless anachronism and should be replaced by some form of certification of programmes; but does this go far enough?

Of children aged 10-16, 53 per cent now have their own, unsupervised, TV sets in their bedroom. They can easily circumvent the watershed and I am perfectly certain most do. Thirteen per cent have their own video recorders, allowing them to record and play back any programme however late at night, however violent, "adult" and explicit and whatever its future certification (article, Media, December 4).

With 401 killings shown in a typical week of British television (there are 14

Down's syndrome From the Ambassador of The Netherlands

Sir, Tucker Carlson's article ("When a life is worth living". November 29) states that "infants with Down's syndrome are routinely starved to death in Dutch hospitals". Since the article lacked statistical evidence for this incomprehensible statement i have asked the Foundation for Down's Syndrome in The Netherlands to provide

me with the appropriate data. One out of 800 newborn babies in The Netherlands suffers from Down's syndrome. This implies that approximately 200 Down's infants are born annually. Of those, at least 194 babies per year are registered - voluntarily - at the Foundation for Down's Syndrome,

According to the foundation's extensive knowledge, one case of a baby with Down's syndrome has been reported in which - upon request by the parents - doctors decided to withhold the necessary operations. I suppose that it is this single, well-known case, which was widely discussed in my country in 1987, that has led to such an offensive report.

Yours sincerely, J. H. R. D. van ROUEN. Royal Netherlands Embassy. 38 Hyde Park Gate, SW7. December 2.

# Winter weather

From Mr T. L. José

Sir, Each year, as has been recently demonstrated, when winter sets in with bouts of snow and ice there is chaos on the roads and railways of Britain

Surely it is time that there was a statutory obligation on highway and railway authorities to take appropriate action to minimise the effects of inclement weather conditions. The additional costs would no doubt be recouped from savings made to the National Health Service, vehicle insurance claims and damage to road and

Yours faithfully. T. L. JOSÉ. 22 Shelbourne Place, 83 Park Road, Beckenham, Kent. December 3.

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actual killings per week in this country), 119 woundings with guns, knives and other weapons, 188 brawls and 27 acts of sexual violence, it is not hard to see what effect this may have on a child in his or her subconscious perception of what is acceptable, even glamorous, in the adult world.

Perhans broadcasters should turn their minds to what can effectively replace the watershed. It could be that certification plus some simple form of electronic tagging on programmes, coupled with a simple control within the TV set that would allow some categories of programmes through but not others - at parents' control might be the way forward.

IAN CURTEIS. The Mill House. Coin St Aldwyns, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, November 25.

# Hitler and the Jews

From Mr Bryan Magee

Sir. It is not news that when Hitler was young he was not, at first, anti-Semitic (report, November 26). He tells us all about this at great length in Mein Kampf.

When he was a teenager, he says, he found anti-Semitism repellent, and the thought that Jews had been nersecuted for their religion "sometimes almost turned my distaste at unfavourable remarks about them into horror" (page 48 of the currently available English translation). He then gives us, in the most lurid terms. a step-by-step account of his conversion to anti-Semitism, including even his backslidings ("I relapsed for weeks at a time, once even for

months", p52). Of the process as a whole he says "this was my greatest transformation of all" (p51). "It cost me the greatest inner soul struggles ... "

No doubt this talk about inner soul struggles is due to the fact that the change was calculated and cynical. But the fact of the change itself has been known ever since the publication of Mein Kampf.

Yours truly, BRYAN MAGEE, 12 Falkland House. Marines Road, W8. November 26.

# Unnatural selection

From Mr Michael Davies, FRCS

Sir. Twenty years ago, when I worked in the Seychelles, the ornithological talk on Mahé was of the Seychelles Scops owl, which had been recently 'discovered" when barn owls were introduced to combat rats (report. Nov-

ember 29). Unfortunately, fairy terms also proved irresistible to barn owls, which themselves then had to be culled. A small price was put on their heads, and among the owls collected was a Seychelles Scops owl, "extinct" in the islands since the turn of the century. (Carefully protected, it now exists in reasonable numbers.)

On that occasion, introduction of an alien species produced a bonus though not the elimination of rats). Usually it causes disaster.

Yours sincerely. M. DAVIES. The Forest. Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent. November 29.

# Easing the path to early retirement

From the Director of the Carnegie

Third Age Programme Sir, Your advice in today's excellent feature and leading article that people should phase in their retirement would be easier to act upon if more

British employers made it possible. Enabling people to move gradually towards retirement through part-time working makes sense for everyone concerned, particularly if the job is shared between an older and younger worker. French and German employers have been practising this for years. It has proved an effective means of retaining experience, passing on skills from one generation to another and reducing the anxiety that many feel at

the onset of full retirement. Sadly, few employers in the UK have made the relatively easy changes necessary to allow people to retire gradually without seriously damaging their pension entitlements.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WORSLEY, The Carnegie Third Age Programme, PO Box 160, Burnham Norton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.

From the Director of Family College Sir, Your article by Jason Cowley makes early retirement or "portfolio life" seem particularly alluring at a time of shifting trends in employment practice and with the emotional attrition that prolonged job insecurity creates for the employee.

It makes only passing reference to the importance of a "supportive wife" in all this. Given the number of relationships that survive a working lifetime only to fail in retirement, I think it would have been helpful to spend more time looking at strategies for juggling career and family, rather than focusing on the supposed material necessities for a successful troisième dge, especially when this may need to be home-based.

JOHN MOORE, Director, Family College, King's House, 175 Wokingham Road, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mrs Ann Taylor

Yours sincerely,

Sir, How infuriating are the smug people who claim that early retirenot able to work that out for ourselves.

Being forcibly retired (ie., redun-

dant) in one's early 50s with three months' salary as a "cushion" and ten years' loss (not just of earnings but of pension contributions) does not make one feel free. Of that you may be sure.

Yours faithfully, ANN TAYLOR 5 The Meadows Drinkstone, Suffolk. November 25.

# Lateral thinking

From Ms Cheryl Jones

Sir, If, for fear of being bugged by the police, lawvers have to adopt the practice of taking their clients' instructions in museums (letter, today), will legal aid be stretched to cover the costs of entering the museums (letters, also today)?

Yours faithfully, CHERYL JONES, 16 Maybourne Grange. Turnpike Link, East Croydon, Surrey. December 2

Heart to hub

From Ms Laura Lewis

Sir, We were delighted to hear that your correspondent whose hubcaps were stolen (letter, November 28) did not require counselling.

However, other victims are not in such an advantageous position and can find even what to some would be considered the most minor crimes very distressing. They are grateful for the emotional support and practical help that Victim Support can offer.

Yours faithfully, LAURA LEWIS (Co-ordinator), South Westminster Victim Support Scheme, 38 Ebury Street, SWI. November 28.

From Mr Barrie N. Davies

Sir. Some years ago, my wife and I were shopping in a supermarket when our trolley was taken from behind us by a leggy young man who ran off with it, somehow evading the checkouts. The trolley held a dilapidated and empty briefcase, a rented video and a pound of onions.

The supermarket reported the theft and the following week we were offered counselling. We wondered what could possibly be said to comfort us.

BARRIE N. DAVIES. 22 Grange Road, Ealing, WS.

From Mr Ken Beere

Sir. Those who jeer so readily at the offer of counselling for the loss of their hubcaps patently do not have a carowning son.

Yours faithfully, KEN BEERE, Pump Cottage, Slindon, Arundel, West Sussex November 30.



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: His Excellency U Win Aung was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Union of Myanmar (Burma) to the

Court of St James's. Daw San Yone was also received by Her Majesty. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

The Very Reverend Michael Mayne was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Dean of Westminster and delivered up his Badge of Office as Dean of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening arrived at Manchester Deansgate Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to the Bridgewater Hall and were received by Coun-cillor Derek Shaw (Lord Mayor of

Manchester). The Queen opened the Hall and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the building and anended a

inaugural concert The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron,

Outward Bound Trust, this morning chaired a meeting of the ncil at Buckingham Palace. BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: The Duke of York, Patron, the Royal Marine and Royal Navy 1997 Atlantic Rowing Team, today attended the launch of the team's boat at the Ivory

St Katharine's Dock, London El. His Royal Highness this evening attended the rugby match between the Combined Services and the Argentine at the Rectory. Devonport, Plymouth, and was received by Vice-Admiral Sir Rob-ert Gerken (Deputy Lieutenant of

Devon).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal's Trust for Carers, this morning visited Wandsworth Carers Centre, 181 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18, and attended the Wandsworth Carers Con-ference at the Dryburgh Hall, Dryburgh Road, London SWIS. Her Royal Highness, President, Children Fund's Headquarters, 66 South Lambeth Road, Vauxhall,

The Princess Royal, Com-mandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later attended a briefing on "Care in the Community" at St John House Club, 51 Eaton Place, London SWI. Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Logistic Corps, sub-

Michael Lake upon relinquishing his appoinment as Regimental el and Colonel Nigel Gilbert upon assuming the appointment. The Princess Royal this evening

sequently received Colonel

present the Torch Trophy Trust's, Annual Awards at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited, London Wl.
Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, later presided over a Dinner at St James's Palace for the Heads of Delegation attending a conference on the implementation of ference on the implementation of peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 4: Oueen Elizabeth The December 4: Queen Einabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 4: The Prince of Wales

this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from the United Arab Emirates.
Mr Stephen Lamport and Lieutenant-Commander John La-very RN were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr John Baker, chairman, Nat-

Lucie Clayton, model agent, 68; Sir William Downward, former Lord-

Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

84; Lord Dubs, 64; Miss Enid M.

Essame, former Headmistress, Queenswood School, Hatfield, 90;

Mr Tommy Graham, MP, 52: Mr P.J. Grant, lormer chairman, Sun

Life Assurance Society, 67; the Very Rev Derek Hole, Provost of

Robertson, MP, 48: Sir Peter Ritcatt, former secretary to the Speaker, 69: Mr Hanif Kureishi, writer, 42: Little Richard, singer

and planist, 61; the Earl of Long-ford, KG, 91; Mr Sheridan Morley,

author and broadcaster, 55; Lord

Napler and Ettrick, 66; Lord Nathan, 74; Mr Jeremy Sandford,

writer, 62; the Earl of Scarbrough.

64; Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore, barrister, 72; Mr Bill Skitt, former

Chief Constable, Hertfordshire, 55:

Dame Mary Smieton, civil servant, 94; Mr Adam Thorpe, poet, 40; Mr David Yorke, former president. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 65.

Torch Trophy Trust
The Princess Royal presented the
Torch Trophy Trust Awards for
1996 at a reception held yesterday
evening at Simpson (Piccadilly)
Ltd. She was received by Sir
Picheae Buckley (CVI) Chair

Richard Buckley, KCVO, Chair-man of the Torch Trophy Trust, and Mr J.C.R. Franks, Chief Executive of DAKS Simpson

Group pic. Among those present

Wert:
The Right Hon Lord Aberdant, KBE,
Lady Suckley, Sir Roger and Lady
Bannister, Sir Peter and Lady
Parranton, Danne Mary Glen Haig,
Mr M Denness, Mr and Mrs J G M
Hart, Mr and Mrs J W T Hill, Mr and
Mrs G T Janes, Mr P Jennings, Mr T
Jones, Mr R H G Kelly, Mr I D
Peasock, Mr P Shervington, Dr D W C
Smith, Mrs F Smith and Mr D Ulton.

Mr William D. Rogers was the speaker at a forum arranged by the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom at Atlantic House, SWI,

last night. Mr Alan Lee Williams presided.

The Atlantic

Council

Reception

ester, 63: Mr John Home

KENSINGTON PALACE December 4: The Duke of Glouces ter, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Logistic Corps, this after-moon received Colonel Michael Lake on relinquishing the appoint-ment of Regimental Colonel and Colonel Nigel Gilbert on assuming

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK December 4: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, this morning visited the Lancaster and Morecambe

Centre in Albert Road, Morecambe, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire Sir Simon Townelcy). Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, this afternoon presided at eremonies for the conferment of

Higher Degrees and Postgraduan Diplomas at Lancaster University The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr Michael Parker to be a Serjeant-at-Arms to Her Majesty in succession to Mr Peter Hartley.

### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Cross Street, Manchester, at 11.45; and accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, she will open the Humanities Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, at 12.10; and will open the Greater Manchester Police Claytonbrook Complex at 2.40.

The Duke of York will attend the lighting of the Norwegian Christ-mas tree in Trafalgar Square at given by the Royal National Mis-sion to Deep Sea Fishermen at Fishmongers' Hall at 6.50 to mark the centenary of its Royal

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Victim Support, will preside at the 14th meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, at 9.30; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Festival of Trees gala dinner at the Natural

# Sir Henry Nevile

A Requiem Mass for Sir Henry Nevile will be celebrated in Lincoln Cathedral on Wednesday, January 29, at noon. All are welcome Tickets from Clerk to the Lieuten-Lincoln, LNI IYL

# Dr Bernard Rose

A memorial service for Dr Bernard William George Rose will be held in the Chapel of Magdalen Coll-ege, Oxford, on Saturday, February 1, 1997, at 3pm.

"Not Forgotten" Association Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, Admiral Sir David Williams, and Commandant Anti-Larken. Presidents of the "Nor Forgotten" Association, attended the annual Christmas party for disabled ex-servicemen and women held yesterday at St James's Palace.

# **Institute of Actuaries**

The following candidates have completed the examinations requirements for the qualification of Fellowship of the institute of

ional Power, 59; Viscount Bridgeman, 66; Mr José Carreras, tenor, 49; Lord Chalfont, 77; Miss Actuaries. Arora, N K (London) Bacon, Miss K E (Sydney): Bar-nard, M W (London); Berelowitz, R B (Cape Town); Birchall, Miss L M (Manchester); Blake, S E (London);

Bratton, R P (London); Britch, Mrs L. (Manchester); Brogden, A. J. (London); Brown, C. A. (London); Byrne, C.J. (Dublin) Callan, G L (Chehenham); Christie, D L (London)

Davey, K.W. (Croydon); De Haan, R.D. (London); den Dekker, T.O. (London); Dodhia, N. (London); Draper, I M (London) Fisher, S (London); Forrest, C M (Lytham ST Annes); Frum, N (TEL Aviv); Furber, L R (Croydon) Gibney, PJA (Oxford); Greenland, ram); Griggs, D

Harris, T J (Croydon): Hennes R A (Liverpool): Heron, S P (Liverpool): Hobbs, D A (Bristol); Holland, P (Manchester): Hope, T E (Johannesburg): Hope, Miss B L (Cape Town): Hunt, J P (London) lewson, CP (London); Jowett, TG L (Croydon)

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(London): Lewry, M K (Tumbridge Wells); Lightwood. D S (Birminguam) McCrossan, J. D. (Peterborough); McIlveen, Miss R V (London) McIrveen, Miss R V (London); May, J L (Glasgow); Mitchell, Miss N S (Norwich); Mody, R (London); Murphy, M A (Croydon); Murphy, Miss M E (Dublin) Naughton, C M S (Dublin) O'Flaherty, D T (Dublin); Orton, T

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C S (Peterborough)
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(London); Roberts, P J (Oxford) Sander, M. A. (Leeds); Senator, I. (Lundon); Shah, R. H. (Croydon); Shah, V. J. (Lundon); Sherry, Miss M. A. (Dublin); Sivakumaran, P. A. A. (Dublin); Sivakumaran, P. Melbournet: Skinner, Ms J E (Hertford); Smith, Miss J (London); Solari, K F M (Croydon); ncliffe, S D (Leeds); Sweeney, G.J (Dublin)

Turnbull, A J -{Edinburgh}; Turner, A P (Dublin); Vassiliades, R R (Peterborough); Vulkan, D P Wakerly, R G (Norwich); Willder

M (Norwich); Wilson, D C E (London); Wren-Kirkham, C J (Lytham ST Armes); Wrenn, S A (London); Wright, G P. (Birmingham); Young, M P. (Hertford)

# Latest wills

Robert Lewis Eyre Wilkins, of Mayfield, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,124,779 net. Lilian Violet Yannedis, of West Teddington, Middlesex, left estate valued at El.154,271 net.

May Victoria Heath-Pardoe, of Forest Row, East Sussex, left estate valued at EL654,695 net. She left £5,000 each to: International League for the Protection of Horses, Wood Green Animal Shelter, RNIR, Marfe Curle Memorial Foundation, RSPCA, and RNIL.

ian Anthony Marigold Hecias, of Thurieston, Kingsbridge, Devon, left estate valued at £1.024,500 net. Frederick Richard George Bell, of London SW3, left estate valued at E2.222,772 net. He left £2.500 to St Lukers Church. Sydney Street. Cheisen and to Westminster Hospital, London; plus

shares in residuacy estate to National Trust, RSPR, National Art Collections Fund and Honourable Artillery Company Benevolent Fund. Joan Primrose Beale, of Alder-Joan Primrose Beale, of Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilsshire, left estate valued at El, 119,612 net. She left shares in her estate to British Heart Foundation, Salvadon Anny, Doctor Barnardo's, Hampshire Association of Boys' Chubs, Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, Royal Hospical and Home for Incurables, Putney, Parish Church of St. Peter, West Tetherley, Salisbury, Parish Church of West Orlinsead, Salisbury, Parish Church of Alderbury, Salisbury, Parish Church of Alderbury, Salisbury and the Girl Guides Association.

Grete Salinger, of London W1, left state valued at EL982.531.12 net. She left £1,000 to the Women's Group of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and £500 to the League of Jewish Women. Mary Helen Raymond-Way, of Regent's Park, London NW8, left estate valued at £1,086,051 net.

# It was time yesterday for the annual tooth-cleaning of Diplodocus, a 75ft long replica dinosaur at the National History Museum, South Kensington. Four cleaners spend two days getting Diplodocus clean enough to face another year

Anniversaries ... BIRTHS: Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, statesman, London, 1661; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1830; John Rushworth Jellicoe, Ist Earl Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet Southampton, 1859: Josef Pilsud-ski, Chief of State of Poland 1918-22. Prime Minister 1926-28 and 1930. Zulow, Lithuania, 1867; Pritz ang, film director, Vienna, 1890; Walt Disney, animated cartoonist

and film producer, Chicago, 1901; Emeric Pressburger, film pro-ducer, Hungary, 1902; Otto-Preminger, film director, Vienna, DEATHS: Sir Henry Wotton, dip-lomat and poet, Eton, 1639; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vi-enna, 1791; Alexandre Dumas pere;

novelist, Puys, France, 1870; Sir Henry Tate, founder of the Tate Gallery, London, 1899; Claude Monet, painter, Giverney, France, 1926; Vachel Lindsay, poet, Springfield, Illinois, 1931. James Christie, a London auctioneer, held his fixst sale in London, 1766.

The Mary Celeste was found abendoned, drifting in the Atlantic with a cargo of alcohol, 1872. Prohibition was repealed in Amer-

ica, 1933. Today is the anniversary of the first meeting of the British Council. known then as the British Committee for Relations with Other Countries, 1934.

### Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire

Lord Shuttleworth has been ap-pointed Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire in succession to Sir Simon Towneley who will be retiring on December 14.

## Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire

Mr Martin Dunne has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire in succession to Viscount Daventry who will be retiring on December 17.

# Retirement

Judge Laughland, QC, has retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit

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# Dinners

The Speaker gave a dinner last right in Speaker's House in hon-our of a Partiamentary Delegation from Bolivia led by Mr George Prestel, President of the Chamber of Deputies. The Bolivian Ambassador was also present. The other

sador was also present. The other guest were also present. The other flag were arroad kip, he andrew flag and the campbell-stenus; MP, Mr Daile Campbell-stenus; MP, Sir Rethern Cardisle. MP, Mr Andrew Paulds, MP, Dame Jahes Pooles, MP, Hr Gespreyon, MP, Dame Jahes Pooles, MP, Hr Thomas McAsoy, MP, Mr David Marghall, MP, Mr Greg Pope, MP, Mr Mchael Stephen, MP, Mr Shana Abt. Cason Donald Gray, Mr Henry Hogges, Mr David Ramsey, Mr Ilm Rodgers; Mr Michael Urwick and Mr Richas Beten.

Company of The Plate Workers Dr. Robert While, Master of the Compility of Tin Plate Workers alias. Wire Workers, assisted by Mr. Henry, Muttin and Mr William Washen, Wardens, presided at a count dimer held yesterday at St. Barthelomew's Hospital. Dr. Phil Hammond was the guest speaker.

Phil Haustonid was the guest speaker.

During the dinner the Master presented the 1996 Travelling Scholarshop & Miss Eleanor Rees a sudent of his perial College.

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The Michaelmas Term Dinner of

The Michaelpais Term Dinner of The Bollinger Chib. Dean Close School, was held on Wednesday, November 21, at which Mr Martin Bell. Was Correspondent for the BBC was chief gless. Also present were Mr Cow Renyon (President), Nicholas Ball (Gastrman), Mrs L.S. Allingion (Senior Member) and the Fresidensister and Mrs Bacon.

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Judge Sessions was the principal
guest at the monthly chance of the
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Mr Geoffrey Bond, chairman-elect
of the Byron Society, presided at a
Christmas danner held last night at
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Lejeune was the principal speaker

Luncheon The University of Buckingham.
The Chairman of the Council of the University of Buckingham, Sir Nigel Mobbs, was the bost at a huncheon for the retiring Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Luce, and Lady Dice, at the University

Appointment Sir Richard Luce has been appointed

# **Forthcoming** marriages

MrCJ. Bleasdale and Miss C.L.A. Havilland The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of the late Mr Thomas Bleasdale and of Mrs Mary Bleasdale, of Houghton-le-Spring, County Dur-ham, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Havilland, of Wimbledon.

Mr J.F.B. Carlisle and Miss C.V. Clark The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Carlisle, of Hartley Winney, Hampshire, and Caroline, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Clark, - of Ennismore Garden Mews, Landon. Mr. M.J. De Morgan

and Miss K.A. Conly
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Michael De Morgan, of Cape Town: South Africa, and Kimberly, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Dale Conly, of Hudson, Obio 1184 Ohio, USA.

Mr J.P. Elvin end Miss E.A.M. Halpin The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Simon Elvin, of Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil Halpin, of Ealing.

Mr W.S. Gilmore and Miss K.J. Taylor The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr. Stephen Gilmone, of Edinburgh, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Gilmore of Little Barrington, Oxfordshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce

and Miss T.L. Lloyd The engagement is announced between Gordon, elder son of Mr

lan Kennedy and Mrs Lyn. Kennedy, and Tracey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Lloyd, of Lichfield.

Mr S.N. Proctor and Miss V.M. Ash The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs John Grieve, of Chorley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Victoria daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Ash, of Danbury, Essex.

Mr. N.J. Sargenunt and Miss C.L. Honey The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Sargeaunt, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Honey, of North Stoke, Oxfordshire.

# Medieval Welsh court found hidden by sand

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the lost royal courts of the medieval Princes of Gwynedd, the last independent rulers of Wales, has been found under sand on the island of Anglesey.

Among the remains are the

largest medieval hall known the establishment was curiously unlumnious", according to Neil Johnstone of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, who excavated the site this summer.

The court or lips was similar to an English manor, although a perimeter wall protected the hall and its ancillary buildings. The hall itself had stone foundations, but was probably built of timber, and some of the smaller structures may have been

thatched. The site, at Rhosyr near Newborough, is one of several royal townships whose locations are known from histori-

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cal documents.

only one high-status dwelling, Mr Johnstone says in British
Archaptogy: so that the
Rhosyr hall bould confidently
be identified as the prince's establishment in spite of the modesty of the finds.

Each estate would have had

rings, and coins, the latter minted as far away as Canterbury and Berwick on Tweed. Pottery came from eastern England and Bordeaux, indicating long-distance trade in the 13th century.

the royal courts were often abandoned, although the runs of the Rhosyr buildings were still visible in the 18th

Nothing survived above ground when the trust began its excavations on Anglesey this summer, although the location, one live, "field of the court", kept its name into modern times to guide the searchers.

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when we preach, we do not comy favour with men; we seek only the favour of God, who is continually testing our hearts. I Thesesleptime 2:4 BIRTHS BLACKABY - On 28th November 1996, to Laura and Nigel, a daughter, Eve Phillips, a sister for Joseph. EDWARDS - On 28th November, to Expert and Olivia (née Brown), a daughter, Blim Nicola, a sister for Johan and Mills. HOARE - On November 30th at The Fortland Hospital, to Jennifer (nie Donoline) and Richerd, a desgiver, Héloise Trafalger Agnès Archer. HOMLOCK - On November 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (nde Nagle) and David, a beautiful daughtur, Rosie Alice. NYMERS - On 2nd December, to Gillian and Alasder, a sem George Alexander, a brother for James, Lucy and Joe. ATRIC - On 1st December, to James and Kate (née Sally), Josie, a sister for Harry. 105 - On November 29th at The Fortisnd Hospital, to Amanda and Arjen, a daughter, Juliana Amanda Frederique. A sister for MaKECHREZ - On November 29th, to Christina (nés Gesham) and Dermot, a sta, Miles William Ludovic, a brother for lona. TICKLAND - On December 3rd 1996, to Maryais (née Powys Maurice) and Charlie, a son, Joshna Michael.

STRATION CHRISTENSEN - On November 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Victoris (nie Wilkinson) and

NOXALLERIAN-SOYS - Derek and Gillie were married quietly on December 2nd.

MARRIAGES

ALIPRESS - Robert Geoffrey, December 2nd, anddenly on holiday in New Zealand. Adored husband of Sylvie, and father of Phoebe. Cremation in Sydney, Australia Memorial at St Nicholas Church, Arundel, to be arouged. be arranged.

BACON - Dumis Aifred died pencefully after a long struggle at the John Endcliffe Hospital on Toesday December 3rd aged 66 years. Much loved husband of Anne and father of Earen, Kim and Garth. The funess service will be held at 5r johns Chapel, Onford Crematorium on Saturday December 7th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The British Liver Trust may be sunt to Ev. Mullett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford OX3 7AF.

BASS - Joan Winifred peacefully at her home in St John's Wood on 29th November 1996 after a long and counspoos fight against cincer. Pemeral and burial 12 home becamber 12th at St Peter's Church, Thundersiey, Essex, in accordance with her wishes. Flowers to IE. Kenyon, 83 Westbourze Grove, W2, 5 pm latest December 11th. Enquiries (0171) 229-3810.

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BLANCE - On 3rd December 1996, vary passorbully Agnes Mary (Maintelly Agnes Mary (Maintelly Agnes Mary (Maintell) McIntyre, of Regnarult, Highfield Road, Scone, Pertin, dearly beloved wife of David, descest loving companion to Anne, Kay, Joen and gamdchildren, and much loved sunt of Particle, Closston, and Renaridh and their families, RLP. Femeral Service at Scone New Church on Friday 6th December at 2.15pm to which all friends are invited, thereafter private cremarion. No flowers please, Donations may be sent to Chest Hours and Stroke Septiand, 66 Castle Street, Etinburgh.

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MRADLEY-MOOKE - Debounk Margaret on December let aged 59. Beloved by all who knew her, she will be safty missed. Funeral Monday December 9th 2 pm 5t Mary's Church, Thatchen. Family flowers only. Docadons to Orden.

CORKRAM - Major Giles Seymour, peacefully on 2nd Seymour, pencefully an 2nd December at Bramley, Surrely, Duarly loved by family and friends. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Stramley, at 2 pm on Ihusday 12th December. No flowers please. Donations welcome to The Officers' Association, 48 Fall Mail or The Cats Protection League, 17 Kings Road, Horscham, 1813 55%. All empiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, tel 01489-567333.

DAWES - George William Dawes peacefully on December 3nd 1996, most dearly loved husband of JIII, loved and respected father of Christophez, Alan, Jana and Georgie, grandfather to Edward, Rudly, Lottie, Lucy, Eloise and Matilda, good friend to many. Funeral Wednayday 11th December 2.15 pm 5x Matthews, Warchorne, followed by private cremation. No Howes, donations to Save the Children.

DERRY - On December 3rd, in Newark Hospital, Lieutenant Colonal Samuel Ironscinger Derry 1950, 16C, TD, 10c, eged 32. Selicved Rushand of Hancy and father of Richard, William, Andrew, James and Clare. Service in Newark Parish Chupch 2r 1.30 am on Tuesday, December 10th. Laquisies to E Gill and Sozz, 55 Albert Street, Newark, Notta. (Tak 01636 77461).

EADE - Daisy (née Ryan), or November 20th pencatul) at Musgaove Park Hospital Taunton, Private Cremation Tention. Private Cremation Service. Thanksgiving Service at Compton Dundon Church, Somerset, on January 18th at 12 noss. Donations for St Margaret's Hospice may be forwarded to Forsey and Son, FiD, 28 High Street, Butleigh, Gastoubury. PORDHAM - Gladys Gustiner (nie jumiescm) aged 61. died pencerbully at home late lieutely evening. Decimber 2nd atter a most courageous struggle, never losing her determination, linkness and great sense of humour. Very wonderful and loving wife and greatly loved by daughter Lovalue, son Dougles, sister Seriy and draghter-in-lew Lyan. Will be missed terriby by all her family and theselventer Lyan. Will be missed terriby by all her family and theselve. Pussell on Saturday, December 7th, 2.30 pm at Emmanue? Church, Saunders Lans, Mayford, Woking, followed by committal. Denations please to LCRF, to whom Gladys derotted so much of her thus, right up to the end.

edswell - Lt.-Col. John Dominic, passed peacefully away at his home in Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshim on Tassian Portham, Elly, Cambridgeshire on Transky December 2nd 1996, after a long lilness bravely bonn. A deathy loved luxshand, son and brother. Funeral Service at St Feter's Church, Fortham on Wednesday December 14th at 12.30 pm followed by private

December 11th at 12:30 pm followed by private remarkon. Plowers and all anquirles please to C.E. Fuller & Co., 23 Hell Street, Schum, Camba G87 5EN, tel: (01358) 720439. GOUGH - Margaret Reducine Teggy (nie Wallis) aud 84, widow of Lt. Col. Peory Bugh Group, pancefully at home on 4th December. Respected to F. Curtis & Sorre, Warminster, (03985) 212033.

SHIFFIN - Enid on 1st December 1996 aged 90 years peacefully in Bishop's Scottord. Wife of the lates H.G.H. Gelff's and only desopher of the hete W.G. Barrenger of Hommey. Sadly missed by her family and many friends. Funcal at 5t Michael's Church, Hisbop's Stortfoot, Guller, Hisbop's Stortfoot, on 12th December at 1 ym, Dwalls from Daniel Robinson & Sun, bat (01279) 655677. MENTON - Dr. Leamond Richard Levings, very suddenly at home on 3rd December 1995, adored husbend of Marquist and devected father of Tricia, Richard and Dison. Private funtral at Low Disonals.

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# PROFESSOR MARTYN JOPE

Martyn Jope, FBA, Professor of Archaeology at the Queen's University of Belfast, 1961-61, died on November 14 aged 80. He was born on December 28, 1915.

biochemist by training but an archaeologist by inclination, Martyn Jope might have made a distinguished career in either field. In the end, he chose archaeology. Already in the 1930s he was making formative contributions to the then emerging discipline of medi-eval archaeology. In 1949, after a productive decade as a research biochemist, he founded and for 32 years headed the Department of Archaeology at Queen's, Belfast,

His contribution to Irish archaeology - mostly in the medieval and postmedieval fields - was recognised by his membership of the Royal Irish
Academy. Both at Belfast and through
his British Academy fellowship and
University of Bradford visiting professorship, he was instrumental in fostering science-based archaeology in Britain.

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Latterly his research focused increas-ingly on the early Celuc art of the British Isles. His work in this area, to be fully revealed only in a volume yet to be published, promises to provide his

principal literary legacy.
Of Cornish extraction, Edward Martyn Jope was educated at Whitgift School, Croydon, and Kingswood School, Bath. As an open scholar at Oriel College, Oxford, he read chemistry while, like so many others before and since, he honed his archaeology as secretary and president of the University Archaeological Society. On graduation he joined the staff of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (Wales). At this time his own West Country interests led him, with R. I. Threlfall, to excavate a medieval settlement at Bere near North Tawton. Devon, and to produce one of the first recorded plans of a medieval peasant house in England.

The year 1940 saw Jope back as a biochemist working at the London Hospital with Nuffield Foundation support on haemoglobins in human blood. Later the Medical Research Council supported his research on the application of spectro-chemical methods and spectromicroscopy to biological problems. Archaeology proved too tempting, however, and under the problems of the redoubtable geographer Estyn Evans, he was recruited to a supplied to modern standards. to a new lectureship in archaeology



at the Queen's University of Belfast. For the next three decades Jope and his wife Margaret, a biochemist, worked in Beliast during term-time and lived in Oxford during the vaca-tions, developing a parallel research career in each place. The 1950s saw a frenzy of activity in both countries. At Queen's, undergraduate courses were established in both the arts and science faculties. In the Ministry of Finance the new Archaeological Survey of North-ern Ireland was established under Jope's day-to-day direction and its distinguished staff, his old friends Dudley Waterman and Pat Collins, duly recruited.

A golden age of excavation and research in Northern Ireland ensued, Jope himself turning his skill at building analysis and highly percep-

At Oxford in the vacations Jope

seized similar opportunities for illuminating fieldwork at key sites such as Ascot Doilly Castle, Deddington Castle, the medieval pottery kilns at Brill, and at sites in Oxford including clinical trenches in Oxford Castle that provided crucial dating for early medieval pottery. Such excavations offered an opportunity for studies of the medieval pottery of the Oxford region and of the South West which formed the basis for all subsequent work.

As the Queen's department grew in strength and reputation, Jope was able to attract to it research funding to develop archaeological science. The Nuffield Quaternary Research Unit took a team approach to the problems of archaeology, bringing together bota-nists, a soil scientist and the osteoarchaeological skills of Jope's wife Margaret - in the 1950s, an idea well before its time.

Jope's record as an entrepreneur in the development of archaeological science and his personal background as a biochemist made him a natural link between the British Academy and the Royal Society, from which there

emerged a number of joint meetings. He led the academy's campaign to obtain separate government funding for archaeological science, and from 1977 he served on the first science-based archaeology committee. His advice also benefited the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (Wales), where he was a commissioner for 20 years; the Ancient Monuments Board for England; and the Northern Ireland Ancient Monuments Advisory Council.

A puckish sense of humour and a self-effacing manner, coupled with kindness and concern for friends and colleagues, did much to protect Jope from the frustrations he set up in others by his intensely private lifestyle, ruthless disregard for bureaucracy and fierce protection of his own time. Students who did manage to snatch ten minutes of his attention; however, were often surprised by the depth of his understanding of their problems and frequently received advice and insights that stayed with them a lifetime.

Jope is survived by his wife Margaret. They had no children.

# DAME PENELOPE JESSEL

Dame Penelope Jessel, DBE, former international officer of the Liberal Party, died of cancer on December 2 aged 76. She was born on

January 2, 1920.

PENELOPE JESSEL was the third of the five children of the Oxford publisher and bookseller Sir Basil Blackwell. Akhough she was heard ruefully to complain that she spent her life being identified in relation first to her father. then to her husband Bobby, defence correspondent of The Times at the time of his death in 1954, and subsequently to her two sons, both of whom entered broadcast journalism, in truth she led a life of generous political, educational, charitable and voluntary activity which culminated in her being created DBE in

She was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford — one of the few girls to be admitted in the 1920s - and at St Leonard's in Scotland. Her undergraduate career at Somerville College. Oxford, was interrupted by the war. She joined the ATS and in 1940 married Robert Jessel whom she had met at Oxford, not with the total blessing of her family. Sons were born in 1943 and 1945. After the war her husband embarked on a career in journalism and Penelope lived alternately in Manchester, then a major newspaper centre, and

in August 1954 Bobby Jessel, who had recently been to Australia to witness nuclear testing, noted curious bruising on his arms. The following month he died of leukaemia and Penelope found herself a widow of 34 with two young sons to bring up. With the energy and determination that marked her to the end of her courageous light against cancer she reshaped her life, earning a qualification at the LSE and then entering on a lifetime of adult education, teaching first at William Temple College in Rugby and later moving to Plater College in Oxford, where she lectured in social administration and social work.

A comfortable childhood did not prevent her from developing a strong sense of

social justice and she became Somerville College appeal an active member of the Liberal Party, whose colours Perhaps this was a rampart against the loneliness of many she was to carry - never decades of widowhood, but it successfully - in six parlia-mentary elections and byled to concern that she was spreading even her own commitment too thin. Her links elections between 1964 and 1974. She was president of the Women's Liberal Federation, with the Oxford Cyrenians were to have a sad and 1970-72, and the party's interundeserved outcome; the national officer, 1985-88. She death of a young voluntary was an enthusiastic European and, outraged by the conduct of US policy towards Nicara-gua in the Reagan years. demonstrated against the visit to Oxford of Oliver North - a protest lent a certain piquancy owed her final years. by the fact that her brother

Julian, the chairman of Blackwells, had invited him. She was an indefarigable traveller, often in connection with her Liberal Party activi-ties, immensely proud of hav-ing slept rough under the desert stars in her sixties on a visit to Mauritania. She had a great gift for making and keeping friends and by the end of her life these came from all over all the world.

She also possessed a boundless enthusiasm for voluntary work, whether it meant serving the Oxford Civic Society. the Liberal International, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the West Oxford District Council or the

worker at the hand of a violent and deranged inmate of an Oxford homeless hostel, for the management of which she had some responsibility, deep-ly marked her and overshad-Towards the end of her life she became closely involved with the liberal think-tank, the John Stuart Mill Institute, as well as her other civic and voluntary activities. It was entirely in character that she celebrated a remission from her cancer after chemotherapy leaving on a trip for Petra. The remission was, however, brief; a second course of treatment bought time but at a

more painful. She died, as she wished, at home in bed, with friends and family present. She is survived by her two

cost. For a woman whose life

had been fully filled, the slow

decline of her ability to drive,

travel, meet and visit was the



# JACK POPPLEWELL

Jack Popplewell, omposer and playwrigi died on November 16 aged 87. He was born on March 22, 1909.

IN THE weeks before his death Jack Popplewell was working with an American collaborator to turn Busybody. his greatest stage success, into a musical. The proposition had bemused him at first. Wrinen in 1964 for Irene Handl, who in it played an office cleaner who finds a corpse that keeps reappearing in different places, his comedy-thriller had run for two years in London, and four years in Paris. It had gone on to play in more than thirty other countries, but he had never supposed it to be material for a musical.

"Well, why not?" he finally said, agreeing to the idea.

see the result, he was able to appreciate how nearly the venture combined the two strands of his creative life, theatre and songwriting.

Songs brought him his first success, although not until he had spent several years as a farmer in his native Yorkshire, trying to write novels in his spare time. He was born in Leeds, the only child of Walter and Beatrice Popplewell: His father was to become president of the Rugby League and take the first British team to Australia in the 1930s. Even at. school, in Kirkham, Jack was writing lyrics and music, but nothing came of this until he was 30 when a friend, without his knowledge, submitted his song If I Should Fall In Love Again to a competition. Not only did it win, but the song was recorded by Gracie



popular of British singers, and became a great hit in the early 1940s.

followed by something like seventy others. Bing Crosby

Over the years this was

Girl: Really and Truly was sung by Vera Lynn and others were recorded by Anne Shelton. Geraldo, Ambrose and

After the success of his first play, Blind Alley, at the longvanished Q Theatre in 1953, he was to say that he had not previously tried his hand at writing for the stage because he had lacked the confidence that he could make a play work technically. The 15 he subsequently wrote, eight of them performed in the West End, would probably look distinctly old-fashioned today, and the comedy-thriller that was his speciality is a vanished genre - even if it is difficult to attend a performance of The Mousetrap without laughing. But his plays were able to attract

excellent actors, and he en-

Although he has not lived to recorded My Girl's an Irish joyed a run of successes that lasted until Busybody In 1955 Andrew Cruick-

shank appeared, inevitably as a wise police inspector, in Dead on Nine, along with Hy Hazell and Griffith Jones. It was a play in which a husband employs someone to murder his wife, a premise that owed something to Dial M for Murder, though the twists in the second act took a different turn. In Dear Delinquent (1957)David Tomlinson played a nervous bachelor, who discovers that the charming girl (Anna Massey) wandering around in his flat is an Irish burglar.

Within a year Popplewell's technically most adventurous play, A Day in the Life of ... had opened at the Savoy, with the bowler-hatted Naumon Wayne guiding the audience through scenes that showed the differing impressions a man will make on the different people he meets. Significantly, the career Popplewell chose for the play's hero (Alfred Marks) was that of a publisher of popular songs.

These plays were variously described as light, amusing. easy entertainment, inge-niously plotted and sprinkled ver lines. But in the course of the 1960s the fashion moved away from such plays, and when Popplewell revived the Irene Handl character for a sequel to Busybody the result, Dead Easy (1973), was not a success.

In private life a man of dry wit who shunned publicity. Jack Popplewell spent his last years in a village outside Bath with his wife Betty. Married in 1941, they were together for 35 years until her death in August. They are survived by their two daughters.

DAVID HUMPHREYS

David Humphreys, OBE, beadmaster, died in Cyprus of a heart attack on November 5 aged 69. He was born on September 8, 1927.

DAVID HUMPHREYS was one of the best-known Englishmen in post-colonial Cyprus, where he was the headmaster of the English School for 20 challenging and sometimes turbulent years. He taught the children of many of the island's leading politicians, lawyers and businessmen, Anglophiles and An-glophobes alike, who saw the school as a passport to British

universities. Its pre-eminence in a small society gave Humphreys a prominent profile and, as a rather shy man, he felt the strains of being in the public eye. He was more relaxed after his retirement in 1983 when he enjoyed the spotlight of a different kind: as an actor in the amateur Anglo-Cypriot

David Humphreys's first teaching post was at Victoria College, Cairo. He went there in 1952 directly from Clare College, Cambridge, where he had read English literature and history. The posting ended abruptly and dramatically with the Suez crisis four years later when he was put under house arrest for seven months with other British members of staff.

For the next six years he taught at Bridlington Gramat Brighton College in Sussex. overcome strenuous resistance

where he had spent his own schoolboy years. In 1962 he went to Cyprus,

two years after the island had won independence following a violent guerrilla campaign by Greek Cypriots. Cyprus then was still much as Lawrence Durrell had portrayed it in Bitter Lemons, a sleepy back-water dependent mainly on agriculture. But Humphrevs had little contact with the sort of colourful locals depicted by Durrell. He was the deputy headmaster at St John's School at Episkopi, one of two largely self-contained British

sovereign military bases.

After six years, he moved on to a far more challenging post at the English School in Nicosia, where he was to become its longest-serving headmaster. He had a reputation for being intelligent and dedicated but aloof, demanding and very English. Academic re-sults had always been good, but he ensured that they became outstanding. Many pupils made it to Oxbridge. Parents and teachers valued his ability to ensure tight discipline although he rarely relied on more than a frosty glance to silence troublemakers. Pupils nicknamed him

the Tsar. Yet he was also progressive and determined that the school should not merely be an exam factory. He soon learnt just how conservative Cypriot society could be when he introduced the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme mar School in Yorkshire and in his first year: he had to

by some parents, horrified at the notion of their daughters sleeping under canvas in forests with boys just yards away in neighbouring tents.

His other early success, in 1969, was to ensure that Turkish Cypriot pupils, who had left the school after intercommunal bloodshed in 1963-64, returned. Archbishop Makarios, the republic's first President, approved the move. as did the Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas, himself an English School old boy.

Five years later, in July 1974, the island was convulsed by a right-wing Greek Cypriot coup which triggered the Turkish invasion. Humphreys was away on a Mediterranean cruise but returned immediately to Cyprus, arriving on the last plane to land at Nicosia international airport. now stranded in the United Nations buffer zone that splits the island. He arranged for his wife and daughter to go to England but stayed on himself, only one of two British

members of staff who did so. He worked at the British High Commission, assisting the evacuation, and then managed to reopen the school almost on time after the calamitous summer break. In 1975 the school recorded its best-ever A-level results with a 90 per cent pass rate. For his services to education and to the British community in Cyprus he was appointed

OBE in 1975. He is survived by his wife Sheila and two sons and two daughters.

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## CHANNEL ISLANDS "NIGHTMARE"

One of the most complete accounts of life in war-time conditions in the Channel Islands has been given in a letter which has just reached London from a resident of Jersey. Writing to her mother on October 2 she

said: What a nightmare these four years have been and how we have missed you all, but I thank God a thousand times that you went away. We live in constant fear, and dread, and when the bell rings at an unusual hour one's heart stops bearing till one discovers that it is not the haned Gestapo. We are absolutely "hantstrung" by the devils. We personally have only had one visit, when Daddy was ned for nearly one hour; that was in

Tell them at home to come and relieve us. We would willingly put up with bombing and would help all we can if only we could be free again and could get into touch with England once more. We have had our fill of Germans and their evil ways, and never want to see or hear of them again. We all feel that we have been abandoned by the Mother Country, and

There has never been one message over the BBC or anything in four and a half years. It seems so strange, and shows great lack of

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The invasion and occupation of the Channel Islands rates only a brief memorandum in Churchill's The Second World War. He writes: "If it be true that a few hundred German troops have been landed plans should be studied to land and kill or capture the invaders . . . .

imagination on the part of the Ministry of Information and BBC, If we had been French, Polish, or any other nationality, we would have been showered with messages and pamphlets. But because we are British we are thoroughly neglected and no one at home seems to care a hoot that we have struggled to keep our end up, and the German in his place.

With hunger and cold staring us in the face, and we helpless to do anything about it, the Germans are pinching all the food and fuel. and the only people who get anything extra are the collaborators and the "Jelly Bags," and I can tell you there are a few hundred of each

kind. The States are in a condition of complete jitters and give way to the Germans over everything: "Don't do anything to annoy them" is their cry. But that is a long story and must be told by a readier pen than mine.

I only hope that there will be a committee of inquiry here before they start handing out any bouquets and will look into the activities of the States and find out what they have and have not done. The black marketeers must be severely dealt with and also the informers, the quistings". The lynching in Rome will seem a kindergarten game compared with what will happen here when the pent up wrath and

indignation of the masses is let loose ... Later: We hear to rumour, that the protecting Power has been asked to send us supplies. It will be very nice for us, but it will also be very nice for the Germans. I hear that a question was asked about us in the House of Commons this week, and that the reply was: The garrisons of Jersey and Guernsey were given a chance to surrender, but refused. There is no reason to suppose that the inhabitants are not being properly treated,"

and that was all! Again this shows a lack of imagination on the part of the BBC. How do they know how we are being treated? Let them come and try it and see if they think it "proper".

# NEWS

# Soft options at A level to be curbed

■ Gillian Shephard will today order a return to rigorous testing of basic grammar and arithmetic at A level and introduce strict curbs on the ability of schools to "shop around" for soft option examination courses.

The education and employment secretary, alarmed at a decline in literacy levels among even the brightest A-level students in English over the last 20 years, wants all courses to place greater emphasis on spelling and writing.......Page 1

### Anglers out to catch hungry cormorants

■ Militant anglers are defying the law by shooting and poisoning cormorants, a protected species which they say is devastating their sport. The birds, whose numbers have increased in recent years to around 7,200 pairs, may be shot only under licence....

### **New country**

A British resident is standing as Labour candidate in local elections on the Spanish Costa del ... Page i

### Japan 'must pay'

The Government took the risk of upsetting Japanese industry by suggesting that Japan's wealthiest companies should pay compensation to thousands of British prisoners of war..... ....Page 2

## Picnic machete attack

A machete-wielding attacker likened himself to the killers Thomas Hamilton and Michael Bryant after he attacked a class of nursery children as they enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, a jury was ...Page 3

### Party warning

Too much Christmas party spirit in the office will lead to acrimonious disputes in the new year, say

### Ford race row

A bitter public row flared over allegations of "institutionalised racism" at Ford's Dagenham plant after two union leaders fell out over the allegiance of the company's highest paid manual workers.

### Bag lady myth

Homeless women are more likely to be educated, married mothers suffering from schizophrenia or carrying plastic bags ..... Page 10 of the CIA ..

### Child police

Children will go "undercover" to catch shopkeepers who flout lottery rules under plans announced for a clampdown on underage gambling. Page 11

### Nuclear plea

Retired generals and admirals from countries including Britain, America and Russia issued a joint demand for the complete elimination of the world's nuclear .... Page 13

### Paris under guard

Hundreds of police and soldiers armed with machineguns were patrolling the streets, railway stations and landmarks of Paris. after the bomb on a crowded commuter train..... Page 14

### Exiles anger

Sudeten Germans, expelled from Czechoslovakia after the Second World War, will make life difficult for Helmut Kohl if he goes ahead with a long-delayed friendship treaty with Prague.. Page IS Gay marriages

# A Hawaiian judge has become

the first in American history to declare that denying marriage licences to homosexual couples is unconstitutional ...... Page 16

## New CIA chief

President Clinton appeared set to move Anthony Lake, his National Security Adviser and key negotiadepression than elderly alcholics tor on Ireland, to the directorship

## Dog lover kept on a leash

A Moroccan millionairess is suing American Airlines after being tied up by the captain of her New York flight while her dog ran riot in first class. Marcelle Becker had bought one first class seat for herself and another, by the window, for her miniature Maltese, Dom Perignon. But while she slept the dog escaped and Mrs Becker woke up very angry.



Two Japanese students were among the passengers to take Eurostar to Paris when the service through the Channel reopened, Page 7

SUSPESS T Jobs: Bass plans to create 7,000 British jobs in the next few months. But ScottishPower is to axe more than 2,000 jobs at its Southern Water subsidiary and NatWest

and 200 branches close by the millennium. .. Page 25 Airlines: Delta and Continental are in talks to create the largest carrier in America

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confirmed that 10,000 jobs will go

Hotels: Prince al-Waleed bin Talai, the Saudi billionaire who is a nephew of King Fahd, is to buy the George V hotel in Paris from Granada .... ......Page 25

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Football: Jimmy Case was dismissed as manager of Brighton, the bottom club in the Nationwide League. George Petchey, 64, the reserve and youth coach, becomes caretaker manager...... Page 48

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France's "neutrality" towards Algeris can only mark it out as a target. Of course this policy is completely irrational, which does not trouble the salamic criminals. Each new terrorist attack in France has the effect of reinforcing Zeroual's position by making his intransigence, gainst the "blind killers" understandable

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Anglers must learn to live and let live with the cormorants, as they do with such less efficient fishers as herons and kinglishers ..... Page 21

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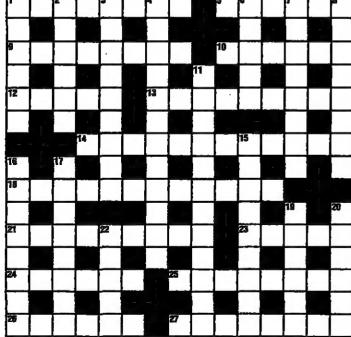
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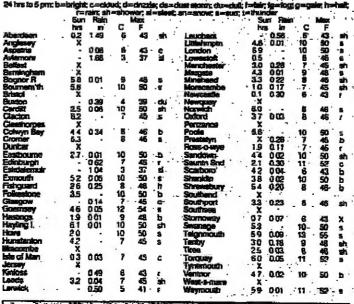
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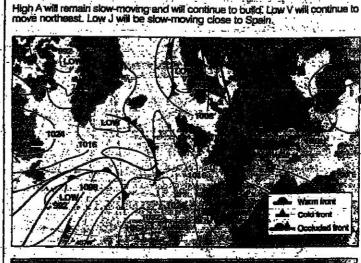
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